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NOVEL DIARCHY PLAN FOR CENTRE?

36-Hour Curfew In Mandvi Area

Fatal Knife Attack At Dongri: Further Punitive Fines Imposed

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"No other incident except the fatal knife attack of this morning in Dongri area has been reported today," says a Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay on Wednesday.

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has issued a 36-hour curfew from 7 p.m. to-day, April 9, to 7 a.m. on April 11, in the following places and areas in Bombay City:

Janjikar Street from its junction with Mohamed Ali Road to its junction with Sharif Devji Street (Chakla), and Sharif Devji street from its junction with Janjikar Street to its junction with Bhandari Street.

FURTHER COLLECTIVE FINES

Further collective fines aggregating Rs. 1,245 have been imposed by the Commissioner of Police on the following two localities in connection with the recent disturbances in the city:

Rs. 870 on the residents of Habib Chambers, King Edward Road, Parel, Bombay; and Rs. 375 on the owners of shops of Joshi Building, Monamedali Road, Pydhonie, bearing Nos. 50, 50-A, 50-B and 50-C; and on the owner of shop No. 52 of Africa House, Mohamedali Road, Pydhonie.

ANOTHER RELIEF CENTRE

Government of Bombay has reopened another temporary Relief Centre at Bapty Road as the two ration shops—Nos. 107 and 425 are not functioning because of the disturbances in Bombay City.

Six other temporary Relief Centres already functioning are (i) Tank Bunder Road Relief Centre; (ii) Islampura Relief Centre; (iii) Worli Relief Centre; (iv) B Ward Rationing Office Relief Centre; (v) G Ward Rationing Office Relief Centre; (vi) Belvedere Road Relief Centre.

KOLABA BAN TO CONTINUE

The order, banning the import etc. of knives and other sharp-edged instruments into the Kolaba District without a previous permit, will continue to remain in force for a further period of one month from April 14.

BENARES SITUATION TAKES SERIOUS TURN

Two Knife Attacks: Police Constable Injured

BENARES, April 9 (A.P.I.). After yesterday's stabbing incident the communal situation in Benares took a serious turn this morning. The day started with two stabbing incidents in Bania Park—a mixed locality.

One police constable was also injured in the same locality.

Police reinforcements were rushed to the scene of the trouble and the situation was immediately brought under control.

In order to avoid spreading of the trouble to other areas the authorities imposed a 24-hour curfew beginning

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Joint Responsibility Only For Union Subjects

Two Cabinets To Function In Bengal, Punjab And Assam

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 9.

Constitutional Pandits, it is believed, have formulated a plan to introduce regionalism in Central Executive pending the ultimate settlement of constitutional issues.

Congress, it is explained is no longer adverse to the partition of India provided, it was based "on justice and fairplay". At the same time, administration and particularly Law and Order had ceased to function over large parts of the country. Mr. Jinnah's latest Bombay speech calling for truce on the basis of partition and Sardar Patel Gujarat speeches point to the anxiety for restoration of peace in India. "Pari pasu", no final adjusments will be possible by June 1948 when British people to quit India.

TWO CABINETS

With this background, constitutional Pandits would like a composite Cabinet or Provisional Government functioning as one unit so far as Defence, Communications and External Affairs are concerned, but, working on regional principle, so far as it related to non-Union subjects. Governor-General will be advised by League members in affairs relating solely to Muslim majority provinces, by the Congress Ministers in affairs of Congress provinces and by Joint Cabinet in affairs of joint concern.

IN PUNJAB, BENGAL & ASSAM

This scheme is however dependent for its introduction in Punjab, Assam and Bengal where, on regional principle, Governors shall have two Cabinets. Such scheme, it is claimed should satisfy Muslim League, the basis of partition having been accepted by British and Congress. It would also satisfy Hindus and Sikhs in the Punjab and Bengal.

Lastly the plan is possible within the framework of the existing constitution. For how and by whom, Governor-General is advised on a given matter is domestic detail so long as all executive action is taken in the name of Governor-General-in-Council.

There is yet another aspect of the question. Next session of Constituent Assembly is being called in the third week of April. Constituent Assembly has been elected on the basis of May 16 Plan which lays down that after its preliminary meeting which shall only elect office-bearers and rules of business Constituent Assembly shall go into sections.

League's non-co-operation has thrown out of gear the whole of May 16 Plan. In the absence of peace, Constituent Assembly is not in a position to go into sections. The only alternative for it is to frame a constitution for "willing parts" of India. Determination of the willing parts and their boundaries will take time longer than June 1948. For this reason, also regional functioning of constitution should be preferred, it is asserted here. This again is linked up with India's remaining within or without the Empire.

The final set-up will depend on the attitude of unwilling parts and it will be wiser to defer this issue till the settlement of all issues in dispute is reached, it is asserted here.

Division Of Punjab Inevitable

NEW DELHI, April 9 (APA).—That the Punjab "is heading for a communal show-down" and "there may not be a Punjab in eight months' time" is the opinion of Mr. A. A. MacDonald, Secretary of the Punjab Government, according to the Lahore correspondent of the "Statesman."

Mr. MacDonald is returning to his native Scotland on leave and expects to be back in India next January. He has had nearly 20 years of administration in the Punjab.

ASAF ALI FLYING BACK TO INDIA

Anglo-U. S. Adjudication Of Pakistan Issue?

LONDON, April 9 (IPA): It is reliably understood that Ambassador Asafali is flying soon to India for consultation with the Government. The move is believed to be on the Indian circles here connected with reformation of Interim Government and possible set up of Anglo-American Commission for adjudication over the Pakistan reference. Mr. Asafali is also likely to take up the issue of disharmonious working between Indian embassies and trade Commissioners abroad who latter it was alleged was taking League instructions. The forthcoming visit of the former Viceroy Lord Halifax in the United States is possibly connected with British desire to associate with America with the solution prickly Pakistan issue.

THREE INJURED IN BURMA ELECTION INCIDENTS

RANGOON, April 9 (Reuter).—Apart from a few grenade-throwing incidents, the polling day in Rangoon passed off quietly and uneventfully today.

Contrary to expectations, the elections to the Constituent Assembly proved the quietest in the history of the city. Three-thousand "People's Volunteers" armed with rifles joined the Police Force in maintaining order. In many places there were more officials, Red Cross Volunteers and Policemen than voters.

Election officials unanimously described attendance at the polling booths as "unusually poor." The percentage of voters who exercised franchise was estimated between 15 and 20 on the basis of figures at the booths in Rangoon's three constituencies (there was no polling in the fourth constituency where U Aung San was elected unopposed). A checked up of nearly 30 places showed that the attendance of voters ranged from less than 10 to just over 25 per cent. The total number of registered voters in the three Constituencies is 218,000.

The day dawned with a hand-grenade explosion near one of the polling booths in the city centre causing injuries to three persons. Another grenade thrown at the headquarters of the "Peoples Volunteer Corps", it was reported, did not explode. No other untoward incident took place during the day.

Official reports of polling in the districts are not yet available but unconfirmed reports say that minor incidents took place in Yamethin, the Communist stronghold of Central Burma.

SPANISH MOROCCO'S SURPRISE FOR SULTAN

TANGIER, April 9 (Reuter).—The Spanish authorities in Morocco, acting on orders from Madrid, have closed their frontiers with the French and the International Zones only a few hours before the Sultan of Morocco was to pass across Spanish Morocco for the first state visit of a Sultan to the International Zone of Tangier since 1889.

GERMAN-POLISH BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Molotov Rejects Marshall's Proposal For Commission

MOSCOW, April 9 (APA): Mr. George Marshall, the United States Secretary of State, today proposed that the Foreign Ministers' Conference appoint a special boundary commission, on which the 'Big Four', Poland and some other Allied States would be represented, to recommend a permanent German-Polish boundary.

Marshall also proposed measures to assure that the natural and industrial resources thus affected "shall fairly serve", the economic needs of Europe.

POLISH FRONTIER

Poland would not be deprived of compensation for the territories lost to the Soviet Union, he argued, and "the new frontiers of Poland must be adequate to give Poland resources at least as great as she had before the war and capable of maintaining her peoples at a good standard of life".

Marshall declared that some frontiers "become almost impenetrable barriers". But, he said, the Foreign Ministers "can, if we so agree, establish here a territorial settlement on terms which would protect Europe against such evil effects.

U. P. A. adds, Russia's Molotov tonight rejected the United States' Marshall's demand for a commission to study a possible revision of the German-Polish border and insisted that the Big Four stand on the Potsdam Agreement.

Molotov took the view that the Potsdam Agreement settled the frontier situation once and for all.

PERSIAN DEMAND

TEHERAN, April 9 (Reuter): The Persian Minister in Moscow, Prince Muzaffar Firouz, has sent a note to the 'Big Four' Foreign Ministers asking them to invite Persia "forthwith to take part in the Moscow Conference".

The note said that this should be done "without waiting for decisions to be taken by the 'Big Four' about the claims of other states to participate in the parleys".

It recalled that the Council of Foreign Ministers had decided unanimously on March 25 to invite Persia to take part in German peace treaty talks.

JAIL & FINE FOR 'PHONE STRIKERS!

Bill Rushed Through New Jersey Legislature

WASHINGTON, April 9 (Reuter): A Bill authorising imprisonment and fines for telephone workers, who go on strike was today rushed through both Houses of the New Jersey Legislature. The Bill will be signed later today by the Governor, Mr. Alfred Driscol.

The Bill subjects individual strikers to imprisonment up to 30 days and fines up to 500 dollars (about £125) for each day they are away from work and makes arbitration of disputes compulsory.

After an eight-hour session during the night, the representatives of a key striking telephone union and official of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company adjourned until later today.

It was stated after the meeting that there were indications that the Company and long-distance telephone workers were close to an agreement. Both sides acknowledged progress and it is generally believed that the long-distance workers could be back at work tomorrow.

MAVLANKER TO INAUGUBATE ALL RELIGIONS CONFERENCE

AHMEDABAD, April 9 (A. P. I.): Hon. Mr. G. V. Mavlanker, President of the Central Legislative Assembly who arrives here on 15th instant will inaugurae the All-Religions Conference to be held here from 26th to 30th instant under the auspices of the Hindu Tatwagnan Prachar Samiti. Among others Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, the Labour Minister, Government of Bombay will attend the conference.

JAMIAT-UL-ULEMA COUNCIL MEETING

NEW DELHI, April 9 (A.P.I.): The President of the All-India Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind has called an emergency meeting of the Central Council at Lucknow on May 2, 3 and 4 to approve the recent proceedings and the resolutions of the Working Committee of the Jamiat on the important problems.

YOUNG CHINA PARTIES TO REMAIN IN CABINET

NANKING, April 9 (Reuter).—The Democratic Socialist and the Young China Parties, who previously threatened to withdraw from the new Chinese Interim Coalition Government unless reforms were carried out, are now willing to fill Cabinet positions, Mr. Peng Hsueh Pei, Minister of Information in the National Government, told a press conference here today.

Joint Talks For Smooth Transfer Of Power

Jinnah's "Longest Meeting" With Mountbatten

NEW DELHI, April 9. (A.P.I.): After the Governors' conference scheduled to take place next week, the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, will have completed the preliminary phase of a series of discussions including those with Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Jinnah, the Congress High Command in the Interim Government, members of the Muslim League and his earlier talks with the Nawab of Bhopal, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

It is believed that Master Tara Singh, the Sikh leader, will be seeing the Viceroy shortly. The Congress President Acharya Kripalani and Mrs. Sucheta Kripalani are lunching with the Viceroy tomorrow and the Congress President will have an interview with him later.

JOINT TALKS FOR TRANSFERENCE OF POWER

The final outcome of these talks is not likely to be known for sometime but it is believed efforts would be made in the meantime for a joint discussion between the representatives of the major political parties, the Sikhs, and probably of the rulers as well. According to informed quarters such a joint discussion would facilitate a smooth transference of power and lighten the task of the Viceroy.

FOR LIQUIDATION OF RESIDENCIES

The Viceroy held a Conference today with Residents of Indian States and officers of the Political Department. Some eleven residents of major Indian States and a number of political officers attached to smaller States were present. It is understood that the discussions mainly centred round the situation in the states with particular reference to the arrangements in progress for their participation in the Constituent Assembly. It is believed discussions also related to the steps to be taken for the winding up of the residencies in the States and the transference of the Crown Representative's responsibility to the Governments in Indian States.

GOVERNORS' SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Provincial Governors are scheduled to meet the Viceroy next week. This meeting, it is understood, among other subjects will discuss the question of special responsibilities of the Governors and the superintendence of the Governor-General over them. It is learnt in this connection that soon after Lord Mountbatten's arrival, the Congress High Command as well as Mahatma Gandhi, in their discussions with the Viceroy had emphasised the need (in accordance with the resolution which the Congress Working Committee adopted early in March welcoming H.M.G.'s statement of Feb. 20) to take immediate steps for the recognition in practice of the Interim Government as a Dominion Government and the Governor-General should function as a Constitutional head. This would involve the Viceroy surrendering to the Interim Government substantial powers retained by him under the Act. It is learnt that H.M.G. is not seriously opposed to such a relinquishment of powers preparatory to the complete transference of authority not later than June next year.

LEAGUE'S OPPOSITION

It is, however, believed that the Muslim League spokesmen have conveyed to the Viceroy the League's opposition to any widening of the scope and functions of the present Interim Government pending a settlement of the larger political issue.

According to informed quarters, the Governors' Conference will mark the end of the first phase of the present series of political talks and may be followed by the first of the many concrete steps to be taken for the final transference of power.

SARDAR MEETS GANDHIJI

NEW DELHI, April 9 (API).—Sardar Patel met Mahatma Gandhi today before the prayer meeting. Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, President of the Central Assembly and Seth Govind Dass, M.L.A. were present during the prayers.

SUHRAWARDY TO MEET MR. JINNAH

CALCUTTA, April 9 (API).—The Chief Minister of Bengal, Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, will leave by air on April 11 for New Delhi, where he is expected to meet Mr. Jinnah and other members of the Muslim League High Command.

NEW DELHI,— First Indian to command an active battalion in the field during World War II in Italy—Lt.-Col. Digamber Singh Brar, O.B.E., 4 Mahratta Light Infantry, has been promoted Brigadier. He is expected to assume command of 114 Indian Infantry Brigade in June.

Jinnah's Longest Meeting With Viceroy

NEW DELHI, April 9 (API).—Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League today had his fifth and longest meeting with Lord Mountbatten.

Mr. Jinnah arrived at the Viceroy's House at 4 p.m. and left after about 7-15 p.m.

Congress Executive To Be Summoned

NEW DELHI, April 8 (API).—The Congress President, Acharya Kripalani, it is learnt, is considering calling a meeting of the Working Committee.

It is expected that Congress leaders who have had discussions with Lord Mountbatten, will give an account of these to the Working Committee for its consideration.

The date of the meeting is shortly expected to be announced.

INDIA HOUSE UNDER INTERIM GOVT?

LONDON, April 8 (IPA): India House is holding a Press Conference next Thursday to explain its working under new invigorating direction from the Interim Government and no longer as an annexe to India Office. Mr. Sudhir Ghosh, Press officer, is opening a new reading room with leading Indian papers sent by airmail.

Amraoti Against Retrocession Of Berar

AMRAOTI, April 9 (API): A resolution opposing retrocession of Berar to the Nizam after June, 1948, was passed at a largely attended public meeting of the citizens of Amraoti held last night. The resolution stated that Berar would remain an independent unit of the Indian union.

NEW DELHI, April 4:— Maj.-Gen. B. W. Key, who was until recently commanding Rawalpindi Dist., has been appointed Colonel of the Sikh Regiment, according to a notification appearing in the London Gazette today. Commissioned in 1914 Gen. Key saw service in Iraq, on the North-West Frontier and Afghanistan, and won the M.C.

"Indians Quite Competent"

Vicereine Declines Y. W. C. A. Invitation

NEW DELHI, April 9 (API).—Lady Mountbatten broke precedents of past Vicereines, in declining an invitation to preside over the annual general meeting of the Delhi|Simla Y.W.C.A., stating that "I and my husband have come to work with the Indian people and to transfer power into their own hands, and we see men and women competent to guide their affairs."

Addressing the meeting she referred to the good work that Y.W.C.A. was doing to women the world over and recalled to her mind the spirit in which Y.W.C.A. looked after thousands of internees recovered from Japanese camps during the closing period of the war in South East Asia. There was nothing, she said, which the Y.W.C.A. could not do. It not only gave its services to millions, but in spirit of comradeship.

27 Teachers Die In Plane Crash

CARACAS, (Venezuela), April 9 (Reuter): Twenty-seven high school teachers and the crew of four were killed when an aeropostal aircraft crashed in flames in the mountainous region of Guatire, 25 miles from Caracas, it was reported to-day.

Three days' official mourning has been declared throughout Venezuela.

SARDAR TO VISIT GUJARAT AGAIN

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 8.

It is likely that Sardar Patel may again come to Gujarat at the end of this month, when a Conference of prominent workers of all sections as well as office bearers of social bodies will be called and important discussions will be held. It is likely that this Conference may prove to be momentous in creating social revolution in Gujarat.

It is learnt that Sardar Patel would visit Surat District on April 21, 22 and 23. He is likely to visit Baroda for a day.

Plucked Students' Plea For Re-Examination

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, April 8.

Plucked students of First-Year Arts and Science classes of Gujarat College have requested for re-examination. They also want to be given an opportunity to sit in the Intermediate Class. They hold the College authorities responsible for their failure and have requested the citizens to come to their aid.

SHARIAR AT KALLANG

SINGAPORE, April 9 (Reuter): Dr. Sutan Shariar, the Indonesian Premier, arrived at Gallang airport from Bangkok at 4-32 p.m. (local time).

America Not Likely To Step In When British Quit India

Henry Wallace On Apprehensions About Russian Expansionism

LONDON, April 9 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Wallace, former Vice-President of the United States and now Editor of the Liberal "New Republic", told a press conference here today: "There may be established in America during the next three months a foreign policy which may lead to war. I shall do everything in my power to stop that policy from being established."

Britain, Russia and America, he said, still followed an imperialistic or expansionist policy, but Britain had not put as much power into these aims as the others. "She has taken the right direction by making definite dates for pulling out of India and Burma."

Asked about the recent statements in the Senate that America should step into the breach in India when Britain pulls out to close the vacuum to Russian expansionism, he said: "America is not likely to take this course because if that were her policy, she would have sooner or later to surround the entire Russian border to be logical and she is not a big enough country with sufficient resources."

BRITAIN WILL BE GROUND LIKE CORN

If Soviet And U. S. Come Into Physical Conflict

MONTREAL, April 9 (Reuter).—Prof. Arnold Joseph Toynbee of the London University said in an interview here that Britain had passed the apex of material power but still possessed moral influence "far beyond her material power."

The Professor, who is here on the invitation of the Canadian institute of international affairs, said that he believed there would be greater agreement in the world if President Roosevelt were still alive.

Should the United States and the Soviet Union ever come into physical conflict, "all of us will be ground like corn between millstones," he added.

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500 British Fighter Planes Sold To Turkey

LONDON, April 9 (A.P.A.): The "Daily Graphic" said today that 500 British fighter planes had been sold to Turkey and were being delivered by former R.A.F. fliers.

The planes, including Spitfire fighters and Mosquito and Beaufighter fighter-bombers, have been leaving Britain for Turkey in flights of 12 since the beginning of the year, the newspaper reported.

"The planes are part of 500 which have been bought by the Turkish Government from the Ministry of Supply", the "Daily Graphic" said. Many of the planes were described as having been declared obsolete but the newspaper quoted a Ministry of Supply official as saying that they were not on Britain's list of surplus planes. All machines sold, it was said, had been reconditioned by their makers.

The "Daily Graphic" said, "the decision to allow Turkey to purchase the machines is believed to be directly connected with President Truman's proposed loan of 100,000,000 dols. to Turkey for military needs and essential public projects. The preliminary approaches to the Ministry of Supply were made by a Turkish air mission which toured the British aircraft industry last year.'

The machines were described as being all defensive, day-interceptor and night-interceptor aircraft, with cannon and machine-guns and with top speeds ranging from 350 to 450 miles per hour.

It was said that they would be used by Turkish air force officers who had been trained by the R.A.F. in England since 1941.

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Purse And Casket To Dr. N. F. Mogrelia

A gathering of Parsis was held on Sunday last, at the Batliwala's Agiari, under the presidency of Mr. J. R. B. Jeejibhoy, to present a purse and casket to Dr. Nusserwanji F. Mogrelia, L.M. & S., the Chairman of the Managing Committee of Tardeo Zarthosti Mandal, who has been doing yeoman's service to his coreligionists, even since the inception of the Mandal 17 years ago. A jashan was held to offer thanksgiving to Ahuremazd for the doctor's recovery from serious illness. Dasturji Manekji Bhathena, Chairman of the Appreciation Fund Committee, eulogised the labour of love of Dr. Mogrelia, who was mainly responsible for the good work the Mandal was doing, through its well-conducted store and sewing and cutting classes for girls. The latter will be given the whole sum (minus expenses for casket) which will have thus the means of expansion and with which the name of the doctor would be ever linked.

Dasturji Kaikhashru, M. Kuttar bore testimony to the silent and selfless service rendered by the honoured guest, for many years, undergoing considerable sacrifice thereby.

Mr. Faredun K. Marshall read the address which breathed sentiments of heartfelt thanks of all Tardevites in particular and Bombay Parsis in general, for his devotion to the cause of his coreligionists, and wished him long life.

Mr. J. R. B. Jeejibhoy said there were very few doctors of the type of Dr. Mogrelia whose motto was Service before Self, and who had taught them all, thereby, a good lesson.

Sjt. B. F. Bharucha also spoke about the Mission of a doctor which should be the service of humanity first. He opined that Dr. Mogrelia was in every sense a true doctor. Very few of such type were observed nowadays.

Mrs. Gaemai K. Driver read the report of the work class. Among the other speakers were: Mrs. Ruttonbai F. Pavri, Mr. A. B. Dastur, and Mr. Karai, Dr. Mogrelia gave a suitable reply, mentioning, particularly the help given to the Mandal by Lady Navajbai D. Tata. Special prayers and skit enlivened the proceedings.

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Premier To Inaugurate Jubilee Celebration

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, April 9: The Parle Tilak Vidyalaya founded in 1921 to commemorate the memory of the late Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak and to provide for primary and secondary education to the Marathi-speaking children of Vile Parle and adjoining places, will celebrate its Silver Jubilee on Sunday next. Starting with a score of students, the school has now on its roll over a thousand students of both sexes. In the field of sports, the school has for several years won the much-coveted Hind Trophy. An elaborate programme lasting for five days consisting of speeches by eminent publicists, dramatic performances and gymnastic feats by the pupils of the school has been drawn up. The Prime Minister of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, has agreed to inaugurate the Jubilee function on Sunday morning. The Minister for Local Self-Government, Mr. G. D. Vartak, will preside over the evening function when the distribution of prizes will take place. The session will conclude on Thursday, April 17, when Mr. J. S. Tilak, a grandson of the late Lokamanya will deliver an address to the students.

HEALTH OF BOMBAY FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 5

The mortality 712 (including 74 deaths due to unnatural causes) was 124 more than that of the preceding week and the death-rate registered was 24.8 on the census population of 1941 which compares favourably with 934 and 32.6, deaths and death-rate respectively for the 14th week of 1946. Excluding the 74th deaths from unnatural causes, the mortality would be 50 more than in the preceding week and the death rate 22.3 on the census population. The present population is nearly 26,50,000 and the death-rate calculated on this actual population is 13.9. The average mortality for the corresponding week of the preceding quinquennium was 750 and the death-rate 26.1. Out of the total deaths, 149 were among infants under 1 year of age.

Cholera was absent, Plague was also absent, the case reported being imported from Hyderabad. Smallpox caused one attack only. There were 18 attacks (including 3 imported: one each from Borivli, Ghatkoper and Khar) and 9 deaths from Typhoid fever.

Live births registered during the week were 796 and the birth-rate was 27.8 as against 1078 and 37.6, the births and birth-rate respectively for the 14th week of 1946. The birth-rate calculated on the actual population which is nearly 26,50,000 comes to 15.6. The quinquennial average for the corresponding week of the years 1942-46 was 820 births.

NEW PRESIDENT OF KALYAN MUNICIPALITY

A Kalyan Correspondent writes: The Goud Saraswat residents of Kalyan gave a rousing reception to Mr. Anandraya Subraya Pai, the newly elected President of the Kalyan Municipality, at Pai Buildings, Ram Bagh, Kalyan, on Sunday the 6th instant. The function was held under the presidentship of Rao Saheb G. K. Rao, Private Secretary to Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay.

Several speakers, including Mr. Gopi, M.L.A., eulogised the selfless public services rendered by Mr. Pai.

Mr. Pai, in his reply, recalling the days when he started his life in Bombay in 1921 on Rs. 2-8 per mensem, exhorted the youth not to be dejected by humble beginnings, but to carry on selflessly. He also requested all those present to devote at least one hour a day for social service. He assured the audience that he would do his utmost to promote the health, education and other civic requirements of the town.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY

Kamla Club In Semi-Final

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Kamla Club, Cawnpore	3
Kirkee United Sports Club	2

By accounting for the Kirkee Sports Club by the odd goal in five in the last quarter-final of this year's Aga Khan Tournament, the Kamla Club from Cawnpore have now qualified to meet Spartans Club from Rawalpindi in the semi-final. The winners were obviously tired after three consecutive days of competitive hockey but they played well all the same and were full value for their victory over the Kirkee side.

Iftikhar Ahmed, who played at inside left, was quite impressive with his clever moves. He was rewarded with two of the three goals scored by his side, the remaining being earned by inside right Moin when he got the better of K. Nimal in a penalty bully. The ball struck Nimal on his foot and referee Pearce awarded a goal to the Cawnpore side.

For the losers D. Nimal who played alternately at inside right and inside left put in an excellent performance. Playing clever hockey he always proved to be potentially the greatest danger to the opposition. One of his moves might have culminated in a goal if Gabriel had not gone just a little too far inside the D. D. Nimal scored the first goal for his side which was also the equaliser. At half time the sides stood level at one all Iftikhar Ahmed and D. Nimal having scored for their respective sides. After the resumption the Kirkee side forged ahead through Gabriel who got an excellent goal as the result of an equally excellent pass from outside right Xavier. Kamla Club equalised a little later Iftikhar Ahmed again being the scorer. With hardly ten minutes left for play the ball was exchanges from one end of the field to the other without any result and a draw seemed imminent when one of the defenders stopped a scoop in the goal-mouth resulting from a short-corner. A penalty bully was awarded and Kamla took the advantage to register the decider.

THE TEAMS

KAMLA CLUB—Aziz Ahmed; Waheed Ullah and Baboo Khan; Ram Krishan, Manzoor Alem and A. Qani; Hamid Sher, Mohammad Moin, M. Y. Khan, Iftikhar Ahmed and Imtiaz Ali.

KIRKEE UNITED S. C.—Shinde; Maleloo and Chavan; Christie, B. Nimal and Martes; Xavier, D. Nimal, K. Nimal, G. Nimal and Gabriel.

Thursday's match at 5-30 p.m. Times of India S. C. vs. Catholic Gymkhana.

AMARNATH ASKED TO HONOUR CONTRACT

BURNLEY, April 9 (Reuter): Amarnath, the Indian test cricketer signed by Burnley as a professional, has written to Mr. Tom Riley, Chairman of the Directors, stating that he will not be able to fulfil the contract. Mr. Riley has cabled Amarnath that it is vital to honour the contract and asks him to embark immediately. No reply so far has been received. A letter from Amarnath reached Mr. Riley in February saying that he was pleased that the Club had denied rumours that he was not coming to England.

EXHIBITION MATCH ENDS IN DRAW

NEW DELHI, April 9 (API): The Exhibition Match between the Indian Hockey Federation consisting of selected players from all over India and Delhi Selected XI ended in a draw today, neither side scoring.

Delhi Selected XI seemed to be the stronger. The Hockey Federation could not play up to the standard, and it was because of their strong defence that they averted defeat. In the last few minutes of the game Delhi Selected XI had to face several desperate attacks.

TEAMS: Indian Hockey Federation: Leo Pinto, Trilochan Singh, Watel D'Souza, Keshav, Amir Kumar, Kazim, Ram Saroop, Babu, B. Sing, Manmood and Woodcock.

DELHI SELECTED XI: D. S. Sodhi, R. S. Gentle, Shakoor, Jaswant, Nabi, Sundar, Kakar, Taqi, Jamshed, Vishnu and Qayyum.

Lawn Tennis Championships

NUWARA ELIYA, April 9 (API). B. R. Kapinapathy the Indian player from Bangalore who is the holder of Ceylon's singles title, entered third round in Lawn Tennis Championships today by defeating N. De Costa 6/4, 6/8, 6/2.

Third round singles matches played this morning saw the elimination of the fourth Indian player. G. Ernst beat Harimohan 2/6 2/ 6/2 6/1.

In men's doubles Indian players fared better. B. R. Menon and K. Kammath defeated A. C. Gunaratna and Caldera 36 6/2 6/2. Another pair Narayan Rao and Harimohan entered third round defeating Senaratne and G. N. Perera 4/6 6/0 6/3.

In mixed doubles the Indian player B. R. Menon partnering Mrs. Prem Caldera had a straight victory over Mrs. H. A. Paffee and G. P. Enright 6/1 6/3.

ABDUCTION OF FORMER FILM STAR

Accused's Appeal Fails

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla, Mr. Justice Bavdekar & Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar).

Khaja Mahomed Yusuf—Appellant (Accused)

vs.

King-Emperor—Respondent.

This was a Crown side appeal from the conviction and sentence of two-and-a half years R.I passed on the accused by Mr. Justice Sen in November last for the offences of house breaking by night and of abducting a woman for purposes of illicit intercourse. Their lordships dismissed the appeal, holding that no misdirections by the trial judge which could result in an erroneous verdict by the jury had been proved.

The accused along with three others was found to have forced his entry into the house of Khurshid Begum, a former film star, on 3rd March 1945 at 9-30 in the night, to have threatened her with knives and dragged her into a car, and to have driven away with her first to Juhu and then to Worli. She was ultimately rescued by the police on information given by her servant.

Mr. E. B. Ghasvala and Dewan Bahadur M. A. appellant—accused.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Mr. V. V. Oak instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Crown.

GREATER BOMBAY SCHEME

New College For Suburbs

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, April 9

When the Government of Bombay issued their resolution defining the limits of Greater Bombay by extending the city's limits up to Andheri, nearly 47 villages in the Bombay Suburban District were cut off and given over to the Thana District. These forty-seven villages which were under the jurisdiction of the Suburban District Local Board were to be taken over by the Thana District Local Board for the purpose of primary education, medical relief and roads. The Thana Local Board, however, refused to undertake additional financial responsibility. There was thus a deadlock, but the Collector of Bombay asked the Suburban District Local Board to continue to finance the primary schools and the dispensaries which had to be run under any circumstances. This state of things cannot last long. The Thana District Board whose finances are meagre does not want to take additional liability unless Government compensate them with more liberal grants. It is time that some decision is arrived at by which the fate of these 47 villages should no longer hang in the balance.

New College

The governing body of the Bassein Education Society which has been conducting for the last two years the Topiwala Arts College at Bassein has given over the management of the College to the General Education Society, Dadar. The College will now be transferred to Mulund, a suburb on the G.I.P. line, with effect from June next. The construction of the College building has now been taken in hand. As it is very near the railway station, students from Kalyan and Thana, who usually attend colleges in the Bombay city, will patronise this college. Prof. V. N. Naik will continue to be its Principal and he is assisted by a qualified staff and under his able guidance the college is bound to grow from strength to strength.

Honour To Moslem Educationist

Unlike poets and politicians, teachers are rarely honoured or their work commemorated in this country. It is, therefore gratifying to learn that a movement is now set on foot to commemorate the services to education in general and Moslem education in particular, of Dr. M. B. Rehman, the popular Principal of the Ismail College, Jogeshwari. Dr. Rehman, after a distinguished academic career in the Punjab University, proceeded to Cambridge University which conferred on him the degree of Ph. D. Returning to India he served for sometime in the Punjab and then joined the Ismail College in April 1930. For the last seventeen years, he has been its head. A fund has been started and donations amounting to Rs. 15,000 have been already collected. It is proposed to erect a new Hostel which will bear his name and this building will materially mitigate the hardships of the students who have to come from long distances for lack of adequate hostel accommodation.

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DEPOSITS:			
Current & Savings	Rs. 21.99 Crores		
Fixed & Time	Rs. 10.02 Crores	Rs. 32.01 Crores	
Due to Bank's Correspondents etc, secured by part of investments			Rs. 1.17 Crores

ASSETS:

CASH & INVESTMENTS:			
Cash in hand & at bankers	Rs. 5.31 Crores		
Investments:			
Govt. Securities	Rs. 13.91 Crores		
Debentures of Public Bodies	Rs. 12 Lacs		
Shares in Banks	Rs. 29 Lacs		
U.S.A. Treasury Notes	Rs. 18 Lacs	Rs. 19.81 Crores	
ADVANCES & BILLS:			
Cash Credits, demand advances and loans	Rs. 13.06 Crores		
Bills discounted & purchased	Rs. 2.66 Crores		
Sterling & Dollar Bills purchased	Rs. 69 Lacs	Rs. 16.41 Crores	
NET PROFIT: (including balance brought forward from last a/c)			Rs. 30.30 Lacs

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Sunrise 6-27 a.m., Sunset 6-54 p.m.
Hightide 02-16, 15-14.
Lowtide: 08-23, 20-58.
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: 3-10 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

MAZDAZNAN: Mrs. Mehera R. Dhalla will speak on "Karma" today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Alexandra Girls' School, Waudby Road.

HINDUSTHAN MAZDOOR SEVAK SANGH:—All the Unions run under the auspices of Hindusthan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh, Bombay Provincial Board, request the workers of the B.E.S. & T. Company on strike to accept the adjudication appointed by the Government and withdraw the strike in the interest of public (especially that of labour class who are put to a considerable inconvenience and suffering.)

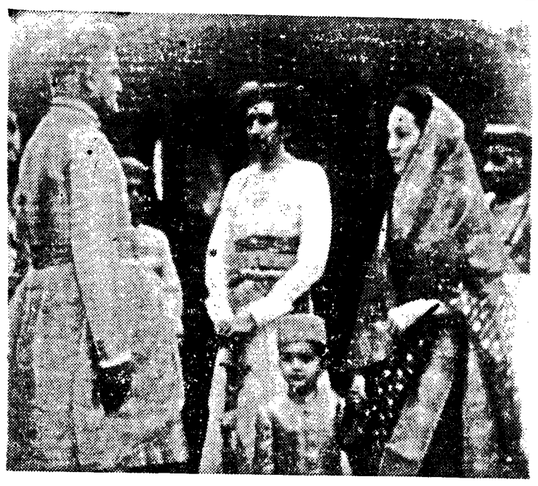
PAPER TRADERS' ASSOCIATION: The general meeting of the Paper Traders' Association of Bombay has passed the following resolutions unanimously: The booking of paper and boards is closed for more than last three months. This meeting invites the attention of the Government at the extraordinarily difficulties faced by the indentors and traders as they are all short of space and godowns in Bombay, while in the upcountry there is actually great scarcity in paper and boards. This meeting raises a cry of protest at the unconcerned attitude of the Railway authorities and the Government in spite of the fact that their attention was drawn to the situation as a result of keeping the booking closed for more than a quarter of year in the biggest importing centre like India.

The second resolution was as follows: This general meeting is of opinion that as there is good availability of paper and boards the controls of various kinds of papers and boards should be removed and the natural trade should take its course.

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A.-I. N. E. C. SESSION ON FRIDAY

BOMBAY, April 9 (UPI).—The Secretary, All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, announces in a press note today that in accordance with a recommendation made by the Chairman of the Reception Committee, the President of the A.I.N.E.C. has decided that the plenary session will commence on the afternoon of April 18 (Friday) instead of on the 19th as originally fixed. Members, he says, are requested to take note of the change in arranging their journey to Madras.

NATIONAL WEEK EXHIBITION: Thursday, April 10th Morarji Desai to address at 7-30 p.m. Friday, April 11th, Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy at 7-30 p.m. Sunday April 13th Mr. Ashok Mehta at 7-30 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Exhibition premises at Parsi Gymkhana Grounds, Vincent Road, Matunga.

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If on any day it is found that about 20 per cent of the total card-holders at a centre have complained to the Manager, that the milk purchased by them was spoiled or had curdled, arrangements will be made to supply equal quantity of milk free of charge on a subsequent date.

The Government of Bombay has appointed Mr. Syed Nurullah, Deputy Director of Public Instruction, as a member and secretary of the Provincial Board of Primary Education.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

THURSDAY, April 10.
BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1.231 kc/s)— 7-30 a.m. Swar Kalika (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 P. B. Dev Burman (Sitar) 8-45 Indukmar Parekh (Gujarati Geet Sundaram) 9-0 Roshanara Begam (Khayal Todi, Vilambit and Drut).

12 p.m. Programme for Women (M) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Madhur Gani (Bhajan) 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4-20 Roshanara Begam (Khayal Patdeep, Vilambit and Drut) 5-15 Children's Half-Hour (E) 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Bhaskarrao Amembal (Abhang, Eknath) 6-30 Wamanrao Sadolikar (Multani) 7-0 Zwwar Husain (Ghazal, Hasrat) 7-15 P. B. Dev Burman (Sitar) 7-30 Narmadani Khinoman (Talk in Gujarati) 7-45 Thumri Aur Dadra (Dadra) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Radio play by Anant Antarkar 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Sports Review (Talk by Jit Kantawala) 10-0 Maneck Bhagat: Piano (Sonata in E Minor op. 7 Grieg) 10-20 Interlude 10-25 Dunstan Roberts: Bass 10-35 Interlude 10-40 Kaye Grant: Soprano 10-50 Symphony Orchestra Sinfonia pieccola op. 14 Rondo Atterbergo.

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

FORECAST TILL FRIDAY MORNING: Dry weather mainly.

OUTLOOK FOR FURTHER 2 DAYS: A few light showers in the Bombay Karnatak and the extreme south of the Konkanpatti.

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MAHARAJA HOLKAR RETURNS TO INDORE

(From A Correspondent)

INDORE, April 8.

Unprecedented scenes were witnessed on the occasion of the return of His Highness the Maharaja Holkar to his capital from America after complete recovery on 6th inst.

The special train carrying Their Highnesses and the party steamed into the Indore Railway Station at 5-30 p.m. and this was immediately followed by a salute of 21 guns. At the Railway Station were assembled the Resident, the Prime Minister, Members of Cabinet and other Sardars and Officers of the State to meet Their Highnesses. As Their Highnesses drove in procession the streets were crowded to capacity and at every important place Their Highnesses were greeted and Itra Pan offered. The procession proceeded as far as the Old Palace where His Highness performed Shri Martand Pujan.

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NOMINEES TO I. L. O.

The Government of India have accepted the recommendation of the All-India Trade Union Congress and nominated Mr. P. C. Bose and Mr. Chapal Bhattacharya on the Coal Mines Committee of the International Labour Organisation to be held at Geneva in the end of April 1947. The Government have also accepted the recommendation of the All-India Trade Union Congress and nominated Messrs. B. K. Mukerjee and Faiz Ahmed on the Inland Transport Committee of the International Labour Organisation to be held at Geneva from 7th May, 1947.

Gujarat Parsi Conference

SURAT, April 9.

Persuant to a move made by the Parsi Pragati Mandal to hold a Gujarat Parsi Conference in Surat, a meeting of the Conference Executive Committee was held at the "Palms", when the following office-bearers were elected:

President: Mr. N. K. Vakil, Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Baimai Dabu and Prin. E. Dabu. Jt. Secretaries: Messrs. Ratan Marshall, Phiroze Koyaji and P. Kalvachwala.

One More Bank Hold-Up Suspect Arrested

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Investigations regarding Monday's bank robbery in the city entered its final stages today, with the arrest, this morning, of one Jamalkhan Kaderkhan.

Police allege that he was one of the two persons who fled to North Bombay in a taxi with Rs. 17,500 snatched away from an office peon near the Chartered Bank.

A taxi, B.M.T. No. 1292, which satisfied the description given by witnesses, was found by police at a workshop near Bombay Central, undergoing repairs and being repainted. Damages seen on this taxi, was strong evidence that it was the one used in the robbery, since, it was reported that while dashing along Mahatma Gandhi Road after the hold-up, the culprits met with an accident. From enquiries made at the workshop and other places, the police traced Jamalkhan and arrested him.

No money has been recovered so far.

Two others, Ajit Majdaralli and Sherkhan Yarkhan were arrested on suspicion yesterday.

All the accused were today ordered to be remanded into police custody by Mr. G. K. Rege, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court.

REACTION TO BANK AWARD

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

There seems to be a two-sided reaction to the terms of the Award made by Sir Harsidhbhai Divatia, President of the Industrial Court in the dispute between the Federation of the Bank Employees' Unions representing 30 banks in Bombay and their managements.

Whereas on the one hand the managements maintain that more is granted to the employees than expected the clerks complain that so far as the two major demands of basic pay and dearness allowance are concerned practically nothing is granted, and they are therefore sorely disappointed.

U. S. NAVY TO VISIT SYDNEY

WASHINGTON, April 9 (Reuter).

The United States Navy announced in Washington today that a force of carriers, cruisers and destroyers is tentatively scheduled to visit Sydney, Australia, during the latter half of May.

The force will be headed by two 27,100-ton aircraft carriers, and will include two light cruisers, eight destroyers and two auxiliaries.

RAJEN BABU'S CITY PROGRAMME

BOMBAY, April 9, (API): Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Food Member, Government of India, will arrive here on Saturday April 12, by air.

At 4 p.m. the same day he will meet the members of the Congress Legislative Party in the Council Hall.

At 5-15 in the evening he will be accorded a reception by the Indian Merchants' Chamber.

On Sunday morning he will meet the officials of the Supply and the Agricultural Departments.

At noon the same day he will lunch with the Prime Minister Mr. B. G. Kher at the latter's residence where he will also be introduced to other ministers.

At 3 p.m. on Sunday he will address a press conference at the Secretariat.

At 4.30 p.m. he will hoist the national flag on S. S. "Jagdamba".

At 5.30 in the evening he will address a public meeting at Chaupatty.

On Monday morning he will address the Maharashtrian Chamber of Commerce and will leave for Delhi the same evening.

EMERGENCY TRANSPORT BOARD STARTS FUNCTIONING

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Emergency Transport Board set up on Tuesday last with a view to running a "supplementary service" has already begun functioning Government has been approached with a request to nominate an official as the Secretary of the Board. By Sunday next, it is expected, the necessary preliminaries will be gone through, and thereafter the new service is expected to start. Mr. S. A. Sabawala, the Mayor of Bombay and the Chairman of the Board has invited public co-operation to make the scheme a huge success.

In the meanwhile the strike continues, both the parties to the dispute being adamant.

Mr. Abidally Jafferbhoy, the President of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union stated in the course of an interview to a representative of this paper that the public sympathy was still with the strikers If anybody wanted any proof of it, he was prepared to hold a mass public meeting and abide by the decision of the majority.

The Government of Bombay has placed at the disposal of the Emergency Transport Board the full time services of Mr. R. J Rebello, the Deputy Provincial Motor Transport Controller.

Mr. Rebello will immediately begin functioning as Secretary to the Emergency Transport Board.

Volunteers responding to the call of the Mayor, who is the Chairman of the Board may contact the Secretary, who has his office in the Industrial Assurance Buildings, Churchgate.

APPEAL TO TRUCK AND CAR OWNERS

Owners of trucks and buses are invited to apply to the Secretary, Emergency Transport Board, Provincial Transport Office, Industrial Assurance Building, Churchgate, Bombay for the supply of vehicles for running Emergency Transport Services. Owners should apply in person with full particulars of the seating capacity of their vehicle, etc. Petrol coupons will be supplied by the Board.

Employers of Labour and Heads of Offices who own motor cars, buses and trucks and who are willing to transport their employees from residence to place of work and back are invited to apply for necessary permission to the Secretary of the Board.

LIFTS BY MOTORISTS

Many motorists are already giving "lifts" to other members of the public to their places of work in the morning and back home in the evening. The newly constituted Emergency Transport Board wishes to organise this system of lifts. Motorists are invited to apply to the Secretary, stating the approximate times and routes by which they travel daily from their residences to their offices and return in the evenings. The Board undertakes to supply extra petrol if necessary.

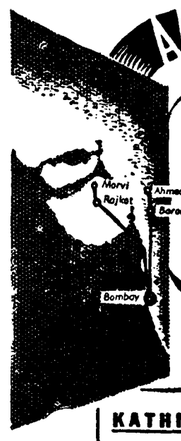
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INDORE, April 7.

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The Government of Bombay has accepted the resignation of Dr. Ahmad Mukhtar of his appointment as a member of the Industrial Conditions Enquiry Committee, consequent on his appointment as Economic Adviser to the Indian Military Mission in Berlin.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, April 9, (A.P.I.): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minumum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from April 1, 1947 and departure from normal recorded at 08.00 hours I.S.T. on April 9, 1947:
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Following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday the April 9, 1947:—

Thundershowers have been widespread in Assam and local in Malabar. There have also been a few showers in East Bengal, along the Orissa Coast, South-East Madras and the extreme north of the country. Day temperatures continued appreciably above normal over the country generally north of Latitude 25 degrees North.

Forecast until the 10th evening:—Thundershowers will be widespread in Assam and local in East Bengal and along and near the Coromandel Coast. A few showers will occur in South Malabar, the Madras Deccan and along and near the Orissa-South Bengal coasts. Day temperatures will rise further in the Deccan.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Use what language you will, you can never say anything but what you are. What I am, and what I think, is conveyed to you, in spite of my efforts to hold it back.

—Emerson.

The Bombay Chronicle

INDIA'S DEFENCE

The Army Commanders' Conference, which discussed various problems affecting the future of Indian Defence forces, has just concluded but it seems doubtful if the public will know early anything definite about the conclusions of the Conference. The Commander-in-Chief stated there that planning for the composition and size of the future armed forces had been going on for the past two years but that recently the basis of planning had to be altered in order to bring the army more into line with modern needs, and also partly in order to co-relate it with the financial resources likely to be available. So it is reported that new proposals are about to be put before the Government of India by Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Member, for a smaller army than was previously proposed, and detailed plans will be made as soon as decisions are reached. It is also reported that the organisation and size of the Royal Indian Navy and the Royal Indian Air Force are being similarly replanned on a reduced scale.

That there should be economy in the Defence Department, as in others, goes without saying. But at a time like the present when India will soon be thrown entirely on her own resources as an independent country and when independence imposes upon her many fresh responsibilities, internal and external, it will be well for the public to realise the limitations of economy during the next few years. There can, however, be safe economy, quite consistent with efficiency, in the complete nationalisation of all the Defence Forces. In reply to a question in the Central Assembly on Tuesday the Defence Secretary stated that it was Government's policy to nationalise the armed forces completely, including the Selection Boards. He also stated that so far India had had a small navy which was fit for only coastal defence, but she now aspired to have a bigger navy. The Air Force too, needs to be considerably developed, economy in the whole Defence Department being effected mainly through nationalisation.

The question, however, is whether nationalisation is being sufficiently speeded up. The urgency of the change can no longer be denied after the British announcement to withdraw from India completely by June 1948. If there is to be reality in Indian independence after that date there should clearly be no British officers in the Indian Defence Forces, though there may be British advisers or instructors. Replying to certain suggestions and criticisms by Pandit Kunzru in the Council of State on this subject last week, Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Member said: "When power is transferred, it is our desire that every officer in the Indian Army or air force or navy should be an Indian and not an outsider". He was not, however, in a position to say anything further on this point as the question of further relationship between Britain and India after the tranfer of power had still to be decided. His reticence weakens the expression of his desire. Nor is one much reassured by his remark that "if after July 1948, the country entered into an agreement with the United Kingdom, in order to retain some of the British officers, it was just possible, the Defence Member added, that in a few selected jobs they might be retained". The continuance in independent India of British military officers, as distinct from advisers or instructors, is certainly anomalous. Nor can it be justified today in the face of Indian officers capable of replacing all the British officers with special training, where necessary. Indeed, there is said to be a "surplus" of Indian Emergency Commissioned Officers and on that ground many of them are being demobilised, though even at the end of 1946 the number of non-Indian officers in the Indian army exceeded the number of Indians according to figures furnished in February by the Defence Secretary. The Interim Government will do a service by publishing a detailed Communique stating what are the latest steps that are being taken by them to give effect to their own avowed policy that, when power is transferred, "every officer in the Indian army or air force or navy should be an Indian and not an outsider".

Frankly Speaking

Henry Ford

Henry Ford represented two eras, one was that of capitalism at its zenith. His death coincides with the virtual passing of that era. Capitalism, undoubtedly still lives, but even more undoubtedly it is in a state of rapid decline so much so that even in the United States individualism, of which Henry Ford was the uncrowned king, has had to yield a whole series of its rights and prerogatives to society, the State and to Labour. But Henry Ford, the leader of individualism and capitalism, was also the pioneer and prophet of an industrial revolution. He invented no mechanical or power engine. He invented a method and a technique, namely, the method and technique of mass production whereby a commodity like the motor car ceased to be the expensive luxury of the very rich. His method was taken up by others in respect of other things with the result that a new industrial age was ushered in with immense potentialities for the industrial economic and social life of the community. Capitalism will soon die, the capitalism, at any rate, of Henry Ford's conception and preference, but Henry Ford's technical invention will live.

Asia And The West

It is another tribute to the great success of the Inter-Asian Relations Conference that it has made the West and its kinsmen, sit up and take serious notice. Australia and New Zealand have carefully watched the proceedings for the naturally additional reason of their geographical situation. They know that they are, whether they like it or not, inescapably linked with Asia. But others too are interested and—anxious. There is, for instance, the comment of a Dutch Liberal paper the "National Rotterdamsche Courant" on the Conference. And while its musings on totalitarianism and liberalism and the dividing line running through Europe and Asia may or may not be relevant to the situation, the main reactions to the Conference are the realisation of the awakening of Asia and the feeling that that awakening will inevitably have to be submitted to. This is correct. The Conference represents the death knell of the Imperialistic domination of Asia by the West. But beyond that there is nothing for the West to fear from Asia. Asia wants to liberate itself and dominate none and the Dutch paper is quite right in advocating that the West should listen attentivey to the sound and constructive ideas coming from Asia. It will do the West good.

National Chemical Laboratory

It is an ironical commentary on the fate that was hitherto India's that laying the foundation of a National Institution like the National Chemical Laboratory at Poona in 1947 should be greeted as an historic occasion. Were it not for the fact that this country was under the subjection of a foreign Imperialism, such institutions should have been working and flourishing now for years and decades. Even the realisation of the present project was not without difficulties. Speaking at the ceremony of laying the foundation stone at Poona, Sir Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar, head of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, to whose energy and patriotic earnestness the establishment of such national institutions is mainly due, stated that a great deal of time had been wasted in protracted negotiations but that he did not wish to harp upon the many hurdles they had to get over. The revelation even in the form of a vague hint was significant. But it is not necessary to dwell upon it now that the days of subjection are over and India is entering into a new era of freedom, progress and prosperity.

Symbols Of India's Greatness

In this historic era the establishment of every National Scientific Laboratory is a historic event because in the modern world science is the vital element of human life and progress. So, therefore, was the foundation laying ceremony of India's National Chemical Laboratory at Poona like a similar ceremony in January last of the National Physical Laboratory at Delhi. The Chemical Laboratory, as Mr. C. Rajagopalachar said, "will harness knowledge and investigation in the field of chemistry for the benefit of industry throughout India." Its potentialities—and in the field not of industry alone—are so immense that Mr. Kher did not exaggerate when he said that it promised to be the symbol of our future greatness as a nation. It is as such symbols that the nation welcomes the establishment of Scientific Institutes for research and investigation, which will build up the greatness of India and contribute on India's behalf to the welfare, prosperity and progress of humanity.

Central Assembly Passes Shipping Control Bill

Conference At Bombay On April 14 To Discuss Further Questions

NEW DELHI, April 9 (A.P.I.): The Central Assembly to-day took up the Commerce Member's motion for consideration of the Bill to provide for the Control of Shipping as reported by the Select Committee.

The Commerce Member, Mr. I. I. Chundrigar, replying to the debate on the motion, reiterated his assurance that the policy of the Government of India would be to give every legitimate assistance to Indian shipping interests.

He was replying to Mr. Subedar, who had stated that there were powerful non-Indian shipping interests and Indian shipping required the support of the Government of India.

PROVISION OF REPAIRS

Mr. Subedar had also referred to the need for making provision for repairs of ships and ship-building in India. He had also made a suggestion, which was supported by Mr. Tamizuddin Khan, that Government could usefully consider the question of nationalising the ship-building industry. "That is a point which is engaging the attention of Government", said the Commerce Member.

As regards the question of Government helping Indian shipping companies to acquire more tonnage from the U. S. A. or any other country, which was raised by Mr. Subedar, the Commerce Member said that he was told by representatives of some of the Indian shipping companies that eleven ships had already been acquired from the U.S.A. as for the acquisition of more ships, it was pointed out by some members that it would be much better if the Government of India were to make an offer on behalf of the Indian shipping interests to purchase a stated number of ships. The Commerce Member then suggested to the Indian shipping interests that they should consider the question among themselves and each shipping company should give Government an idea of the number, type and tonnage of ships it required and the price it would be willing to pay. He understood that shipping companies were taking steps in that direction and as soon as this list was completed and placed in the hands of Government, Government would use their good offices to render them such help as they could.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH H.M.G.

The Commerce Member announced that the Government of India had taken up with H.M.G. the question of Indian shipping taking a greater share not only in the coastal trade of India but also in overseas trade. H.M.G. had suggested that first of all there should be a conference between the representatives of Indian shipping interests and the representatives of British shipping interests. If they could reach a settlement, well and good, but if there were any points of difference left over, then the Government of India and H.M.G. would endeavour to remove those differences and bring about an agreement.

HAJ FARES

Mr. Tamizuddin Khan, Mr. Ahmed Jaffer and Mr. M. M. Killedar had referred to the fares for Haj. The Commerce Member said: "It has been suggested to the Government of India that they should compel the shipping companies to produce before Government a correct account of the expenses they incur for carrying this traffic and the return which they get on it. I hope the shipping companies will not on this occasion refuse to make the necessary material available, but if they do, then the Government of India propose to exercise their powers either by fresh legislation or by an ordinance to do so. It is not the intention of the Government of India to make it uneconomic for shipping companies to participate in this traffic but the Government of India will see that they do not charge these pilgrims more than an economic or reasonable fare."

As regards fresh legislation envisaged in the report of the Select Committee, the Commerce Member pointed out that the shipping policy sub-committe had examined a number of questions.

CONFERENCE AT BOMBAY

A conference of Indian shipping companies had been called at Bombay on April 14 for the purpose of discussing some of the questions which required further consideration and also for selecting the representatives of Indian shipping interests who would carry on further negotiations with the representatives of British shipping interests about the participation of Indian shipping in overseas trade and greater participation of Indian shipping in Indian coastal traffic.

After the conference and these negotiations, Government would consider the situation fully and bring a more comprehensive Bill before the House.

Mr. Manu Subedar, Mr. Tamizuddin Khan, Mr. P. B. Gole, Mr. Ahmed Jaffer, Mr. M. M. Killedar and Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar were among those who took part in the debate.

The Bill was passed.

M. V. ACT AMENDMENT

The Assembly passed the Transport Member's Bill to amend the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, as reported by the Select Committee with one amendment.

Dr. John Mathai, Transport Member, said the Bill dealt with the question of reciprocity with the Indian States in the matter of compulsory insurance. Government had worked out a complete scheme and about 50 States had expressed a desire to participate in it. But it would not be possible to implement the scheme until Government knew what the final shape of Chapter VIII of the Motor Vehicles Act was going to be.

The most important point which members had raised was in respect of exempting vehicles owned by Government. The matter was under examination. The Defence Department had already set up a Claims Commission for expediting the award of compensation.

Indian States had agreed that where vehicles which were involved in accidents in British India then the States could not be sued in a British Indian court, they would guarantee payment of amounts assessed by the District Magistrate in whose jurisdiction the accident took place, subject to appeal to the Central Government.

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, Mr. Sri Prakasa, Mr. S. Guruswamy, Dr. Ziauddin Ahmed, Mr. Shavax Lal, Mr. Gole and Mr. Mohanlal Saxena participated in the debate.

The Transport Member accepted Mr. Gole's amendment seeking to make the insurer liable to pay compensation in respect of foreign judgments as well.

NICKEL RUPEES

The House took up for consideration the Finance Member's Bill seeking to authorise Government to issue nickel rupee coins in place of the quaternary silver rupee.

The Finance Member said the effect of the Bill would be to remove the last of the silver coins. The proposed measure would help check the speculative rises in the price of silver.

It would be a long time before the new nickel rupee coins came into circulation. Meanwhile, the existing rupee coins would also continue to be legal tender for any amount as at present. In the case of the half-rupee coin, the present position was that **the silver half-rupee was legal tender for any amount but the nickel half-rupee only for a sum not exceeding one rupee. It was non-proposed to make all half-rupee coins legal tender for a sum not exceeding Rs. 10. Coins of smaller denomination, would continue to be legal tender as at present for Re. 1 as at present.**

Stating that he did not like the Bill and would not vote for it except on a Government whip, Mr. Manu Subedar disagreed with the Finance Member as to the advantages of the nickel rupee.

Mr. Subedar also challenged the contention that the rupee notes were popular. They might be accepted by people in the large cities, but the people in the country still preferred the silver rupee if they could get it.

Lend-Lease Bungle

Mr. Subedar criticised the Lend-Lease settlement which India had made with the U.S.A. and said she had been treated in 'Shylockian way' by America.

Whereas England had settled her Lend-Lease arrangements with the U.S.A. on a 5 per cent return basis, India had been made to pay full 100 per cent. Not only this; the Americans had also taken away something out of the sale of ramshackle surplus materials which they had left in the country. He was hoping that the Interim Government would, on assumption of office, re-open the question with the U.S.A. but so far as he knew nothing had been done.

If in spite of all that he had said, the Government still wished to go ahead with their proposals, he would urge them to introduce some precious metal coin—say gold.

The House adjourned at this stage.

EXPORT OF ANTIQUITIES

In the Central Assembly to-day Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Member for Industries and Supplies, introduced on behalf of the Education Member, Maulana Azad, a Bill to control the export antiquities.

The statement of objects and reasons says: "As there has been in the past a flow of valuable objects of antiquarian or historical interest from the country, it is necessary to take adequate steps by way of legislation to control the export of such articles."

Assam's Appeal For Military Aid

The Defence Secretary Mr. G. S. Bhalija replying to a short notice question by Mr. Rohini Kumar Choudhury in the Central Assembly to-day said that the Government of Assam had requested the Government of India for military aid.

Asked whether and when such aid was placed at the disposal of the Government of Assam, the Defence Secretary said that in accordance with the normal practice troops were available to the provincial government if, in the latter's opinion, the civil police forces were not adequate to maintain law and order.

Asked whether Government was aware that about 25,000 armed Muslim National Guards had collected themselves in the border of Assam and Bengal in the Mymensing district and that another 2,000 armed 'Muslim National Guards' had gathered on the Assam-Tipperah border with the object of attacking the inhabitants of Assam, Mr. Bhalja replied in the negative and said that this was primarily the concern of the Provincial Government.

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Industries and Supplies Member, in a written reply to Prof. N. G. Ranga said that Government proposed to develop the Hindustan Aircraft Factory and establish the production of aircraft in India and to control it by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors which was now being reconstituted would consist of the Member-in-Charge of Industries and Supplies, Government of India, (Chairman), the Dewan of Mysore State (Vice-Chairman) and one industrialist (Mr. J. R. D. Tata).

The Law Member Mr. Jogendra Nath Mandal in reply to Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan said that he would move for leave on Friday April 11 to introduce a Bill in the precise form of the draft code prepared by the Hindu Law Committee. Government hoped to circulate the Bill by an Executive order.

The Chair disallowed an adjournment motion which Mr. Aftab Ali sought to move to discuss "the impending permanent danger to Calcutta port arising out of suspension of dredging operations in the River Hoogly as a result of the continuance of the strike of 22,000 Port Trust employees and marine operatives." Mr. Aftab Ali argued that the Calcutta Port Trust was under the jurisdiction of the Central Government.

The President Mr. Mavalanker asked whether the Port Trust was not an autonomous body?

Dr. John Matthai, Railway Member, endorsed the Chair's view and said that Government of India were fully familiar with the situation as it had developed. In fact last week he had sent for the Chairman of the Port Trust and discussed with him the situation. So far no permanent damage had been done to the port and arrangements were well in hand which could be put into effect to meet any emergencies.

The Chair disallowed the motion.

The Anti-Dowry Bill

Public Opinion Must Be Mobilised Against The Anti-Social Custom

By Leela Jog

Whatever their wealth and howsoever beautiful the daughter, the parents (amongst the Hindus) cannot just get up in the morning and say "let's get our daughter married." They have to consult a priest and search for a Muhurt—a particular hour and a split second on an auspicious day. Such Muhurt is not available all the year round but only on particular days in certain months.

One such season of Muhurt is fast approaching and it is rather intriguing that the Anti-Dowry Bill has been introduced in the Assembly on the eve of the 'marriage season.' Marriageable daughters and their parents who groan under the evil of dowry system, must be praying to God that the Bill becomes a law before the season sets in. On the other hand the proud and greedy parents of prospective bridegroom must be awaiting the Legislature's decision with bated breath.

FOR THE POORER CLASSES

While talking about the practice of giving a dowry it must be remembered that this Muhurt plays no small part in aggravating the evil of the dowry system. Say for instance, "Mr. Groom" demands three thousand rupees as dowry and the "In-laws" can afford just two thousand rupees. The match is bound to break up. So the "In-laws" raise the extra sum anyhow, otherwise it means allowing the marriage season to slip away and keeping the liability of a young, unmarried daughter on hand till the next season comes in. The Civil Marriage will do away with the Muhurt difficulty but it will be long before the Civil Marriage becomes widely popular.

A Bill like this is meant not so much for the rich groom-bidders who feel no shame in taking part in this auction of human beings sanctified by religion! The Bill is for the benefit of the cast populace who suffer untold humiliation on account of this custom. There are scores of cases for the one which gets into print, where young marriageable girls have committed suicide because the parents are not able to buy them a husband, or where the parents are forced willy-nilly to give away their teen-aged daughters to old men of fifty. Obviously these well-established fellows need no money if a blooming maiden is coming their way.

The plea that the dowry is given as a capital for the young man to make a start in life is hardly borne out by facts. In medieval times when the dowry system came to assume its present ruthless character, the boys and girls were married just after they had left the nursery stage. So there could have been no thought of the child-husband making a start in life. The "capital" used to lie idle for a number of years. Besides, mostly the girl used to stay with her parents till she came of age. Whatever the shortcoming of our forefathers, they couldn't have been so devoid of this simple knowledge of economics.

There is nothing revolutionary about the proposed Bill. Sind had passed a similar measure some years ago, while Madras has fallen in line recently. As is well-known, the Act is not working satisfactorily in Sind and one wonders how far it will actually help the poor parents with two or more daughters. The word 'dowry' may quit the matrimonial parlance and while taking on a name, it will still continue to harass the groom-hunters. Such transactions will be done surreptitiously and it will be difficult to bring to book the erring parties. The proposed Bill which seeks to exempt the woman should be amended in such a way that a girl who knowingly becomes a party to the offence should not escape scot-free. (The educated class of girls will have to sit up and think when they agree to the bargain'. The proposed one thousand rupees fine for the offence will mean nothing to those who give dowry by the thousand. The fine ought to be proportionate to the dowry.

CREATE PUBLIC OPINION

After all is said and done, it has to be realised that for eradicating this obnoxious practice we must not depend on legislation alone. It is a social paradox that this custom should be rampant although people have come to look up it as a wicked practice. It only goes to prove that unless society changes its attitude to woman as an inferior being no legislation will be of much avail.

Since the day of her birth, a girl is considered as a burden. The parents do love her but as she grows up there creeps in a subtle distinction between their love for her and a son who is looked upon as the staff of life in old age. However, with changing conditions in our social and economic life there will be no justification for considering a daughter a financial burden. While such a Bill can be relied upon to act as a deterrent, we shall have to strive hard for creating public opinion against such cruel usages. If old people cannot be driven out of the ruts, cannot the youth of the nation be depended upon to help bring about this just and fair change in the social setup?

With the newly codified Hindu Law coming into practice, the daughter will get a share in the parental property. She will be thus contributing some capital to start off on her marital life. And what's more, she will not be content in remaining a dummy director in the joint-stock company. This will, however, apply to a few thousands who form the so-called propertied class of our millions. But, it has to be stressed that this Bill aims to serve not the enlightened classes but the custom-ridden masses.

BOMBAY GOVT. PLANS TO MEET HOUSE SHORTAGE

Temporary Hutments For 1,500 Families: Nanda's Address To Housing Advisory Committee

The determination of the Government of Bombay to find a speedy solution of the housing problem in the over-congested cities and townships of the province was stressed by Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour and Housing, in the course of his speech at the Provincial Housing Advisory Committee which met at the Civil Secretariat on March 7.

EXPLORATORY WORK

"An organisation has already been set up" he said "to undertake large scale building activity and exploratory work on a very considerable scale has been done for acquiring the requisite housing sites and for procuring building materials. Plans, designs and estimates have all been worked out and are ready for scrutiny. For immediate relief, several military hutments in Bombay have been taken over and it is hoped that in a short time we shall be ready to receive about 1,500 families in these temporary lodgings."

Mr. Nanda emphasised that the problem of housing demanded the close collaboration of local bodies, engineers, architects, financiers, workers and employers.

INFLUX INTO CITIES

He revealed that while there were only 35 cities with a lakh population in this country in 1931, there are now 58 of them and the cities have been rapidly growing in size due to steady influx of population. "This tendency", observed Mr. Nanda "is nowhere so evident as in this province."

This gravitation of rural population unaccompanied by a commensurate effort to provide a satisfactory physical environment for the city dwellers has in past years, given rise to scandalous conditions for which there can hardly be any excuse for justification. The virtual stoppage of all building activity during the war period has further aggravated the situation. The result is that over-crowding and congestion and the progressive deterioration of the quality of housing accommodation have reached dangerous proportions and the community is now faced with a very grave threat to its health and well-being.

It is beyond doubt that our productive effort in urban areas is hampered to a considerable extent on account of bad and insufficient housing. We can very well appreciate the sense of urgency which is being expressed by the people in several countries in assigning the highest priority to housing programmes and in applying to their execution vast sums of money.

GOOD-BYE TO SINGLE ROOMS

"I realise that in the existing economic conditions of the country, it would not be possible to achieve highly satisfactory housing standards, but what we have to-day in the way of industrial and lower middle class housing for the most part hardly rises above slum conditions. We must now bid farewell to the single room tenement and we must make a determined effort to provide for each family the minimum of living space, sanitary accommodation and the facilities which a dwelling, worth the name, must have."

"The most formidable difficulty in the way of assuring each and every family this minimum of housing comes from the excessive cost of every element that enters construction. Only a very small portion of the people can afford this minimum accommodation at the levels of income which rule to-day. Competitive private enterprise will not, in these conditions, be in a position to satisfy the people's demand for houses on an adequate scale. We must, therefore, perforce devise methods of satisfying this demand for housing, without the expectation of a full economic return. The deficit which must necessarily be entailed has to be met and in the programme which has been placed before you some indication has been given of the quarters on which the responsibility rests.

"But we must not accept the high cost of to-day as altogether inevitable. There is likely to be some fall in the price in course of time, but we also have an active role in bringing down the cost of construction by the fullest application of research and experiment so far as it is available to us, having regard to our special conditions.

SHORTAGE OF MATERIAL

"Apart from the financial aspect, a big obstacle in the way of the progress of housing in this country now arises from the shortage of building materials. The Committee will have to consider in detail the position in respect of each building material and to work out the steps which should be taken to ease the situation in this respect. The scarcity of suitable land in reasonable proximity to places of work presents problems which demand immediate solution at hour hands.

After Mr. Nanda's speech, the Advisory Committee appointed four sub-committees to advise on matters relating to the supply of materials, construction, research and finance.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

WASHINGTON, April 8: The British Naval, Military and Air Missions are to remain in Greece until the Greek Government campaign against guerilla forces in Northern Greece has been completed. An agreement to this effect was reached between Britain and the United States yesterday......

—Reuter.

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His Highness the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, who is on his way to England on a "purely business trip" said at Karachi: "I consider India is one and should be one."

Provided, of course, that Indians are not regarded as uniformly one to the prejudice of sacred Divine Rights?

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The Tory "Daily Telegraph's" military correspondent gives three reasons for the plan to reduce India's defence force: "Those who are aware of Mr. Gandhi's influence on Indian politics would not be surprised at Government's decision. India's finances are too inadequate to build a large army and Pandit Nehru's international outlook and his support to the UNO principles explain Government's decision."

Look at the unfairness of foreigners, even very friendly foreigners, like the London "Daily Telegraph." They invariably explain things in terms of Gandhi and Nehru as if there was no one else. In this case they are clearly ignoring Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, to whom must go the whole credit even though they may or may not know the reason behind the performance.

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Mr. Walter Nash, the New Zealand Finance Minister, thinks that "Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is one of the greatest personalities of the world. He has a magnificent head and heart and is one of the progressive internationalists, who keeps human interests before national interests."

Yes, Sir, we do think foreigners are unfair. They don't know Indian politics and have been insidiously got at by Congress propaganda.

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Walter Nash also said: "We support the Asian Relations Conference in every respect."

We denounce Walter Nash.

By the way, does "all respects" include Asia's views regarding racial and colour discrimination?

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And then there is Dr. Sultan Shahriar of Indonesia, who has just been on a visit to India.

He ought at least now to have known better than to talk the nonsense that he did at Rangoon. It's most annoying.

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In a memorandum to the Sind Governor on the Landholders' Bill, Professor Ghanshyam, says a Karachi message, refers to the undue haste in "rushing through" this revolutionary piece of legislation "in utter disregard of the views of the members of the minority community."

Does he think so? Then let him get out and not come back.

I. N. A. Exhibition

Sir,—For the first time in a period extending over several years, I have had occasion to visit an exhibition so well thought out as the I.N.A. Exhibition at Gymkhana Grounds, Dadar Parsee Colony. It is housed in a structure, which is attractive because of its simplicity, with its feet firmly planted in the poverty stricken soil of the Indian village.

Its art is not exotic. Nor do you see the vulgar trappings of a decadent age. Here is freshness of concept and originality of design. The background of plain mats with a plainer suggestive pattern, the "jhavali" roof, the bamboo gate and wall, the texture of the "smaraka", the neat line of arrangements—all these are a lesson to the "sharks" who masquerade as experts on Indian Art and Exhibition, in our country. This exhibition is Indian to its last stroke.

I have had occasion to see many photographs and posters of the heroic I.N.A of Subhasbabu and yet the exhibition had many surprises in store for me. There is no doubt in my mind that a finer collection of photographs of this historic chapter of Indian struggle for freedom does not exist in our country, nay, possible in the whole world. The lay-out is perfect, the choice exclusive, the politics dispassionate. It is a collection which should grace a room in a National Museum of India—as and when it may come into existence. I appeal to Sjt Vithalbhai Jhaveri to treat it as a national trust. The Bombay University or the Government of Bombay should acquire the exhibits and preserve them for generations to come. There is instruction, there is art, there is history—in this exhibition. I appeal to every thinking Indian to assert his voice and see that this valuable contribution is not wasted in the godowns in the dusty shelves and incidentally frittered away.—Yours, etc.

SOLI S. BATLIVALA.

FIRST STEP TOWARDS WORLD DISARMAMENT

LAKE SUCCESS, New York April 9 (Reuter): The Brazilian delegation proposed in the Disarmament Commission today that the United States should organize a Western Hemisphere Disarmament Plan as the first step towards world disarmament.

Reading a speech for the Brazilian delegate, Senor Osvaldo Aranha, who is ill, Senor Joas Muniz declared: "It is our view that America will soon be able to organize a continental plan for armaments similar to the agreement between the United States and Canada, which will not only reduce the existing armaments to merely defensive equipment throughout the countries on the continent, but furthermore eliminate the manufacture and sales of armaments beyond limits indispensable for international peace and collective security of our people".

Senor Muniz added, "European nations may do the same an indication of which we already have in the recent agreement between Britain and France as well as in other understandings".

The speech also declared, "We nations that do not manufacture arms and do not want to manufacture them are tired of being forced by circumstances to waste part of our economy in acquisition of armaments.

Govt.'s Amendment To Br. Conscription Bill

LONDON, April 9 (Reuter): The redeployment of British armed forces which will be possible after the transfer of power to India and Burma and withdrawal of troops from Palestine and parts of Europe, including Greece, is believed to have been the governing factor in the Service Chiefs Agreement with the British Cabinet that the proposed peace time Conscription period could be reduced from 18 months to 12, cables Fraser Wighton, Reuter's political correspondent.

Quarters today, this redepuoyment is According to authoritative London expected to be possible by 1950.

The Government's amendment to its own Bill reducing the Conscription period from 18 months to a year will be moved in the House of Commons, it is expected, by the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander.

Communist Arrested And Bailed Out

KARWAR, April 9 (API): Mr. N. L. Upadhyaya, Secretary Karnatak Communist Party was arrested here yesterday by the police for alleged contravention of the order of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Karwar, passed recently, externing him from the District and ordering him to proceed to Udipi in Mangalore District. He was later released on bail.

Mr. Upadhyaya, however, contends that the externment order issued by the Magistrate has been held in abeyance by the Bombay Government till April 10.

The case will be heard in the Court of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate.

COMMITTEE TO REVISE PRESS LAW

NEW DELHI, April 9 (UPI).—The Committee appointed by the Home Department, Government of India, for revising the existing Press Laws in India with a view to bringing the same on lines with similar legislations in advanced Western countries like the United Kingdom and America will commence its meeting in Delhi from April 12.

FR. GAG ON GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRAT

FRANKFURT, April 9 (Reuter).—French Military Government have banned Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the German Social Democratic Party in the Western Zones of Germany, from speaking in their zone, Dena, the German news service in the United States zone reported today.

Dr. Schumacher was to have been the chief speaker at a Congress of the Palatinate Section of the Party on April 26 and 27.

36-HOUR CURFEW IN MANDVI AREA

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at 9 a.m. to-day and ending at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

One hundred and fifty arrests have been made till this afternoon from affected areas.

25-HOUR CURFEW IN CENTRAL CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 9 (A. P. I.): Twenty-five-hour curfew has been clamped down in Central Calcutta by the Commissioner of Police following some incidents which occurred this afternoon in the locality.

The curfew which will be effective from five in the morning of April 10 up to 6 of April 11 morning will be imposed on areas covered by Burrabuzar and Jorasanko Police Stations.

The Motor Vehicle Staff of the Calcutta Corporation have decided to suspend work for a day to-morrow, as a protest against the fatal stabbing of one of the conservancy lorry drivers yesterday. The victim died this morning.

Expressing his surprise at the Bengal Premier's statement that conditions in Noakhali are normal, Dr. Shayama Prasad Mookherjee in a statement suggests that the Chief Minister himself or one of his representatives should proceed to Noakhali to "discover the truth and to restore peace and confidence quickly."

3,700 ARRESTS IN FRONTIER

PESHAWAR, April 9 (U. P. I.): Three thousand seven hundred persons have been arrested in all in the North-West Frontier Province in connection with the Muslim League agitation, learns the United Press of India from an official estimate.

The above figure includes those who have been arrested on charges of violence, namely, loot, murder and arson.

Eradicating Poverty From Rural Economy

Bombay Bill To Consolidate Law For Relief Of Agricultural Debtors Passed

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY.—THE BILL TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW FOR THE RELIEF OF AGRICULTURAL DEBTORS IN THE PROVINCE OF BOMBAY WAS PASSED BY THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TODAY.

Defining the exact significance of the measure, Mr. V. L. Mehta in the course of his reply to the debate on the third reading of the Bill, stated that it was " only one of a series of measures—protective, preventive and constructive; legislative and administrative—which, according to the programme of the ministry, were intended to eradicate the evil of backwardness and poverty from our rural economy."

The same minister also introduced another Bill to amend the Bombay Sales Tax. This Bill seeks to remove the inconveniences and meet the complaints which had been made by the trade regarding the working of the Bombay Sales Tax Act. It incorporated all the unanimous recommendations made by the special committee presided over by Prof. D. R. Gadgil.

The Assembly also elected without contest a public Accounts Committee for the year 1947-48. Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister is ex-officio member and Chairman of the Committee. The other members are: Messrs. J. H. Shamsuddin, A. R. Kuwari, C. R. Sharp, N. B. Dalvai, S. R Rane, S. T. More, N. S. Kajrolkar, M D. Joshi, T. S. Jadhav, Chotalal H. Patel and R. M. Prabhu.

The Assembly also elected by a large majority Mr. K. K. Desai to be a member of the Textile Control Board.

SCALING DOWN OF DEBTS

During the date on the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the law for the relief of Agricultural Debtors, Mr. S. A. Dange moved an amendment for extending the benefit of scaling down of debts up to 1946 instead of 1940 as provided for in the Bill. He said that the Bill provided no relief in respect of debts incurred after 1940 probably on the assumption that during the war agriculturists made profits. Mr. Dange asserted that this assumption was wrong especially in the case of small agriculturists and peasants who had no surplus produce to sell in the market.

Mr V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, replying to Mr. Dange said that this question was fully discussed by the Select Committee which finally held the view that to scale down agricultural debts incurred after 1940 would be going too far. He, however, made it clear that the Bill did allow for a certain amount of scaling down of debts after 1940. He said that no uniform scale had been laid down, but individual cases would be examined by courts on their merits.

The House negatived Mr. Dange's amendment.

Dr. K. B. Antrolikar, S. T. More and Mr. Babubhai Patel supported the motion for the third reading of the Bill

REPLY TO CRITICS

Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, replying to the debate expressed his gratification at the response which the Bill had called forth from all sections of the House. When the Congress Ministry had first introduced the Agricultural Debt Relief Act it had been assailed from both sides—one calling it too drastic and the other too modest and slow. On the present occasion, however, it was criticised as not going far enough. Nothing short of total confiscation could go far enough; and this Bill was certainly not of the expropriatory type. It sought merely to redress the balance which operated so far in favour of the creditor. It sought to make the position more equitable and fair.

Another point made by Mr. Dange was that the government was likely to be content with this legislation ignoring all the other factors which gave rise to rural indebtedness. He called attention to the fact that the Bill represented only one item of the more comprehensive plan of rural rehabilitation contemplated by the government Dealing however with the particular point of the need for devising special machinery for the provision of cheap credit, the Minister said that the question was already engaging the attention of government. The Government had referred the question for immediate examination and report to a special committee under the chairmanship of Sir Manilal Nanavaty. The Committee was to consider whether it was possible to provide credit facilities to individual agriculturists all over the province through the agency of the Co-operative machinery as it existed or reorganised.

PRICES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

Mr. Mehta also referred to the point regarding the influence of the fluctuation of prices on the economy of the agriculturist. That was a very large question but a question which had to be tackled as early as possible. It was because the Government of India believed in its urgency that a special committee had been appointed to devise a practicable scheme for the stabilisation of commodity prices, particularly the prices of agricultural produce. He was sure that as soon as that committee made its report the Government of Bombay would take action in consonance with similar action taken in other provinces to stabilise prices.

In conclusion he appealed for the co-operation of all sections of the House and members of the public in close touch with rural life to bestir themselves to explain the implications of the bill to the peasants and see that they took the greatest advantage possible of its provisions.

SALES TAX ACT

Towards the fag end of the day Mr. V. L. Mehta also introduced the Bill to amend the Sales Tax Act.

Moving the first reading of the Bill Mr. Mehta said that the Sales Tax Act had been coming up before the House in every session and he considered it probable that they had not seen the end of it either. He recalled that introducing an amending Bill at the Poona session of the Assembly he had described it as "short and sweet." The present Bill was not short, but it was sweet all the same. He called it sweet because there could be nothing more pleasant than introduce a measure in response to public demand.

Mr. Mehta proceeded to detail the changes in the Sales Tax Act by the present Bill. The first change was the removal from the perview of the law all transactions of contractors, the dealings of contractors and the turn-over of contractors.

The second major change was with regard to the definition of the quantum of turn-over which made dealers liable to taxation. The uniform system of making all turn-overs above Rs. 30,000 liable to taxation was being changed. The manufacturers and importers had complained against the system. The small manufacturer complained that the tax affected his competitive capacity as against the large manufacturer and the large importer complained that as between him and the small importer their competitive capacity 'inter se' was disturbed. Therefore the manufacturers and importers were put into a separate category and the ordinary dealer was put in a different category. Thirdly, the amending Bill provided for voluntary registration at any time of the year.

The amending Bill also made provision for cases of dissolution of partnership and transfer of business; for refund on returned goods; and also gave powers to government not merely to add but amend the schedule as needed from time to time.

Consideration of the Bill will be resumed on Friday.

IS INDIA A CONTINENT?

Sri Prakasa Objects To Word In Shipping Bill

NEW DELHI, April 9 (API): Is India a country, sub-continent or continent?

This was one of the questions which India's Interim Government had to answer in the Central Assembly today when the Commerce Member Mr. Chundrigar's Control of Shipping Bill was being discussed clause by clause and clause 5, which refers to "any port or place in the continent of India" came up.

Mr. Sri Prakasa, member of the Congress Party requested Mr. Chundrigar on grounds of sentiment and geography to use the word "India" instead of the words "Continent of India".

The Commerce Member explained that the words "continent of India" occurred in the Indian Merchant Shipping Act 1923 and he was merely copying that expression. The word "India" did not include the French and Portuguese possessions in India and whenever the Legislature wanted to include these possessions, the words used were "continent of India".

Mr. Sri Prakasa: Can't we correct an old mistake? (laughter).

President: That can be done by a separate piece of legislation (more laughter)

The Clause was carried with Mr. Sri Prakasa raising his solitary "no" to signify his protest against the continued use of the offending words.

It will be recalled that on a previous Bill Mr. Sri Prakasa objected to the description of Japan and Germany as "enemy countries" on the ground that India had no enemies and was the friend of all nations.

Ajit Singh In Lahore

LAHORE, April 9 (API).—Sardar Ajit Singh, uncle of the late Bhagat Singh, who until recently had been in exile for over 40 years, arrived in Lahore this morning from Delhi, and was given a reception at the station.

Sardar Ajit Singh, who left India in 1906 spent 40 years in exile in Europe. During the last war, he broadcast in Hindustani from Italy. He has been permitted to return to India as a result of efforts made by the Interim Government.

Bombay Premier Challenges Women's Cooking!

Council Passes Hansa Mehta's Motion For Home Science Schools

"I pride myself and the Chair will bear me out that I am a much better cook than most women," this challenging claim made by Bombay's Premier Balasaheb Kher in the Bombay Legislative Council (Upper House) on Wednesday afternoon startled many an Honourable Member and Pressman. The occasion for the statement was the Premier's reply to Mrs. Hansa Mehta's resolution recommending "to Government to establish high schools for Home Science, one in each Division to begin with, on the same principle as the establishment of agricultural, commercial or technical high schools.

Continuing his reply, Mr. Kher observed that he did not oppose the study of cookery by boys. He observed that the mover of the resolution was pre-eminently fitted to make such useful suggestions to Government on education. Domestic Science was included in the Matriculation curriculum of the Bombay University as an optional subject but the number of candidates taking this subject was very small. He agreed that the same type of education that was given to boys was not fit for girls. Home Science from that point of view was a subject they must be trained in to bring forth better new citizens.

He gave an assurance that Government would do all it possibly could to encourage the study of home-craft.

The resolution was passed with a minor amendment.

U.T.C. FOR WOMEN

Another resolution by Mrs. Mehta recommending to Government to ask the University of Bombay to introduce a scheme of University Training Corps for women students and train women in, among other things, the art of self-defence, evoked a lively debate.

The Premier replying stated that he was of the opinion that combatant military training did not suit women. He did not subscribe to the mover's view that if military training was good for men it was also good for women. He felt that women should not join the fighting forces. Women's job was not to leave the home and go for fighting, though they could fight in self-defence. He had, however, no objection to their receiving training in either auxiliary or ancillary courses. On the resolution being passed he said he would forward it to the University.

The third resolution moved by the same member that the age of marriage be raised to sixteen for girls and twenty-one for boys was lost.

ACCIDENT CASES

One of the most important of the resolutions moved during the day was one by Sir Behram Karanjia. The resolution which was recommendatory in character asked that "with a view to affording maximum facilities for medical attention and treatment in cases of accidents, the existing restrictions governing the admission of such cases into hospitals be removed; and that all hospitals and private nursing homes be entitled to admit and give medical aid on such occasions."

Sir Behram gave an instance of how a Parsi boy who was taken to a nursing home was refused admission. He was later taken to a hospital and died before admission. Sir Behram felt that the boy would have survived if he was admitted in time. He knew of many such cases, one of them was concerning the St. George's Hospital.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, the Minister for Public Health, replying to the motion said that Government could not compel private hospitals to admit medico-legal cases. The Sir Harkisondas Hospital which was a private hospital, however, admitted several such cases during the riots, irrespective of community or creed, though it was only a Hindu hospital. Government were grateful to its management.

As for the St. George's Hospital, he took this opportunity to announce that it would shortly be open to all. At present it was only open to patients of European habits of living. It would have free wards for the poor and small-fee wards for those who can afford to pay.

The resolution was withdrawn after the Minister gave an assurance that Government would look into the matter.

MEDICAL WORK IN RURAL AREAS

A resolution moved by Dr. G. S. Mahajani with a view to improving medical facilities in rural areas recommend to the Government a suitable amendment of the Bombay Medical Council Act of 1912 in order that approved medical work in rural areas for at least six months was obligatory for registration under the Act.

The resolution was accepted with a minor alteration.

Mr. Shantilal Shah who moved a resolution for enlarging the jurisdiction of the City Municipality to cover the whole of Greater Bombay, withdrew it subsequently on the Government's assurance that the matter was already engaging its earnest consideration.

The same member also withdrew his unofficial bill for the prevention of lotteries and prize competitions, on the Government assuring him that the contemplated legislation with regard to gambling would bring such activities within its purview.

The Hon. Mr. Mangaldas M. Pakvasa, President of the Council, was in the Chair.

The House adjourned till Thursday afternoon.

UNAUTHORISED IMPORT OF ARMS INTO INDIA

Home Secretary Declines To Reply To Council Of State Question

NEW DELHI, April 9. (A.P.I.): In the Council of State today the Home Secretary, Mr. A. E. Porter declined in public interests to answer a question whether unauthorised import of arms from abroad into India had been taking place and whether the London and Washington offices of certain communal organisations were being used for this purpose.

For the season beginning from November, 1946, an export quota of 110,000 tons groundnuts and 76,000 tons groundnut oil has been fixed, stated Mr. Y. N. Sukthankar, Secretary, Commerce Department, in the Council of State today replying to a question by Mr. G. S. Motilal.

Mr. Sukthankar added: A provisional quota of 27,400 metric tons linseed oil equivalent has been fixed for export during 1947-48 (April-March). Castor oil has been decontrolled but export of castor seed will not be allowed except on special grounds.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Food Member, told Mr. Motilal that the Punjab Government had so far declared a total surplus of 85,000 tons of gram. Of this, 11,000 tons had been allotted to Bombay and 6,000 tons had already been despatched. The total allotment of gram to Bombay from various surplus areas was about 80,000 tons; of this Bombay had so far received at 37,000 tons.

BUSINESS PROFITS TAX BILL PASSED

The Council of State today passed the Business Profits Tax Bill as it had emerged from the Lower House.

The Council also passed a Government resolution recommending to the Governor-General-in-Council ratification of the peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland signed at Paris on February 10, 1947, by Sir Samuel Ranganadhan on behalf of India.

The Council adjourned till Friday, April 11.

The consideration of the Business Profits Tax Bill was moved by the Finance Secretary, Sir Cyril Jones.

Raja Bahadur Motilal said the most important changes made in the Bill related to abatement. Mr. Motilal would not agree that Government had no other method of raising finances to meet the budget deficit. Exports of cloth from the country could, he suggested be taxed. In regard to abatements, he asked, were there to be two abatements or only one. Was it to be six per cent of the capital or one lakh of rupees.

Mr. Karamat Ali said the cry that industrial enterprise would be stunted was baseless. He instanced the case of two new shipping companies being given licenses to issue capitals a fortnight after the B.P.T. proposals were made. Was this any indication that industrial enterprise would be killed, he asked.

Mr. Surput Singh said within a fortnight after the proposals were made, about 400 crores of capital had gradually shrunk up. Some of the new ventures proposed had stopped altogether, notwithstanding the remissions and concessions made since then. The budget deficit of Rs. 56 crores was not big and could have been met by taking into account the amount lying in the Income-Tax suspense account, by taxing luxury articles, indigenous and imported, or by the purchase and trading in gold and silver imports on a monopoly basis. It could also have been met by realising the huge arears outstanding in Income-Tax collections or by utilising the amount which Government had got by freezing high denomination notes.

Sir Cyril Jones replying to the debate said Mr. Motilal's suggestion to tax ports of cloth would involve many other complications.

The suggestion that the tax system should be simplified was one with which he wholeheartedly agreed. But, at the same time, he did not know of any country which had a totally unambiguous Income-Tax system. The matter was complicated and he had tried his best to make it as simple as possible.

Sir Cyril referred to the modifications made in the Bill and said these were made with a view to disarm criticism.

The Bill was passed.

PEACE TREATIES

There was a brief debate on the Commonwealth Secretary, Mr. R. N. Banerjee's resolution recommending to the Governor-General-in-Council that the peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland be ratified.

Sir Gopalaswamy Iyengar asked whether the treaties said anything about Trieste. He also asked whether the treaties enjoyed any obligations on the Government of India.

Mrs. Radhabai Subbaroyan asked whether the Indian representative had participated at the Peace Conference and taken the line he did under specific instructions from Government of India or merely toed the line with Britain. Were these instructions issued by the National Government or by the previous Government?

Mr. Banerjee said that the question had been considered by the Government of the day and instructions were issued to the Indian representative. The attitude he took up was in line with these instructions.

Answering the question whether the Government of India had taken on any obligations in signing the treaty, Mr. Banerjee said no obligations other than lending their support to the acceptance and implementation of the treaties were involved.

The resolution was passed.

NEW DEAL TO BOMBAY SECONDARY TEACHERS

Students' Fees To Be Increased To Meet Extra Expenditure

Despite the limited financial resources in view of its increased commitment for introduction of free compulsory primary education in the Province, the Government of Bombay is anxious to ensure stable and secure conditions for teachers of secondary schools.

The Provincial Board of Secondary Education which considered the question of secondary teachers' pay has recommended standard pay scales and the Government is generally agreeable to accept these recommendations, subject to local variations, if necessary.

For graduate trained teachers the Board has recommended a minimum of salary of Rs. 70 per month, rising at Rs. 150 with annual increments of Rs. 4. Matriculates with S.T.C. or T.D. qualifications should start on Rs. 50 per month and go up to Rs. 100, with annual increments of Rs. 2 up to Rs. 70 and Rs. 3 thereafter.

The Government has also accepted, in principle, the Board's recommendation that existing basis of assessing grants to secondary schools should be changed and part of it fixed at 35 per cent of the standard pay scales recommended for teachers.

INCREASED SCHOOL FEES

The scope for increasing the Government's grant being strictly limited, it is inevitable that the only remaining source of school fees must be increased.

The Board of Secondary Education has agreed that the existing minimum school fees which are roughly two-thirds of fees in Government institutions will have to be raised.

In the general statement of the Government's Educational policy issued in August last it was indicated that in view of the Government's increased commitment for a programme of free compulsory elementary primary education, the scope for the Government's financial aid in other fields of education must necessarily be limited. At the same time, it was indicated that Government would ensure that stable and secure conditions for teachers in secondary schools would be secured.

The Board of Secondary Education in February 1946 indicated the following standard of pay scales:

Graduates: 60-120 (the maximum to be reached in not more than 20 years).

Matriculates: 40-80 (the maximum to be reached in not more than 20 years).

Qualified teachers, possessing T.D. or S.T.C. to receive Rs. 5 more and B.T.'s Rs. 10 more, in the above scales and allowances for special areas to be paid in accordance with Government's practice.

The Board recently reconsidered these proposals and early this month recommended the following revision:

Graduate Trained Teachers: Rs. 70-4-150.

Matriculates with S.T.C. or T.D.: Rs. 50-2-70-3-100.

The Government is generally agreeable to accept these recommendations subject to local variations, if necessary.

The Board has also made an important recommendation that the existing basis of assessing grants to secondary schools should be changed and a part of the grant be fixed as 35 per cent of the standard pay scale referred to above.

The Government accepts in principle this part of the recommendation though what proportion of the standard pay scales the Government can give will have to be worked out in detail in the light of the total amount of grant which it can make to secondary schools.

TOTAL GOVT. GRANT

The total Government grant which can be made available is an extremely important factor. The Grant-in-aid Code for secondary schools which was worked out some years ago prescribed a percentage of 33.1/3 for secondary schools. This target has, however, not been fulfilled. As late as 1944-45 the grants amounted to only 20 percent of the admitted expenditure in 1937-38. The Government has decided to increase the existing allotment of a little over Rs. 21 lakhs for grants to non-Government secondary schools by Rs. 10 lakhs in the next year and by Rs. 2 lakhs year by year in the subsequent four years so as to enable the Government to reach the above target within the next five years

RESOURCES

The present resources of secondary schools are derived from (1) private endowments and donations (2) school fees and (3) Government grants. The Government regrets that the source of private endowments and donations although substantial in some cases is not growing. It is the Government's earnest desire that private benefactors should come forward to increase donations towards secondary education.

The public in general and the guardians of students in particular must, be willing and prepared to a higher school fee in secondary schools.

FREESHIP—SCHOLARSHIPS

At the same time, it will be the Government's anxiety to ensure that the educationally backward communities are provided with sufficient freeships and scholarships so that their progress is not held back. The Government is also anxious that private donors come forward for instituting freeships and scholarships to the poor and deserving students of all communities as well as for ancillary expenditure in the way of school amenities and extra curricular activities.

There is another aspect of secondary schools in education which needs consideration, viz., the existence of proprietary schools. The conditions of teachers particularly in such institutions leave much to be desired. The Government is giving consideration to this aspect and proposes to ask the Secondary Board also to make recommendations in this regard. It will have to be considered whether these proprietary schools should be given any grant at all or should be given grants on a reduced percentage basis. Similarly, the methods of control and the conditions of teachers in such schools will have to be worked out carefully.

D. F. Karaka: Off My Chest

Newspaper proprietors are having anxious days.

Printers and operators have a sword of Damocles hanging over them, threatening now and again to strike.

Now it's the turn of newspapers to feel a little of that pinch which the rest of Capital has felt.

It's all a healthy sign really. Part of the transition to freedom.

I take no sides in it. It doesn't concern me. It's other people's business.

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B.E.S.T. workers are overdoing it and public patience is being sorely tried.

Here is a city without transport in the hottest month of the year.

It is only the poor who are being made to suffer.

The middle class and the well-to-do can afford a gharry, a taxi or a car. But the poor have to foot it for a daily meal.

Labour leaders handling Unions these days will have to revise their strategy. Going against public opinion is doing Labour little good.

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The Social Workers' Society is holding a Conference on Public Health and Sanitation. Dr. Gilder is to inaugurate the Conference.

The first thing you have to do, dear Doctor, is to open the mind and then clean it.

"BLACK ANGEL" CHEATS GALLOWS

HAMBURG, April 9 (Reuter): Carmen Mory, the "black angel of Ravensbruck", who was sentenced to death by the Hamburg War Crimes Court for atrocities in the Ravensbruck concentration camp, committed suicide in the Hamburg prison today.

Mory, who had been appealing for commutation of the sentence through the Swiss Government—she was Swiss citizen—was found in her cell at 02-30 (local time) today in a pool of blood. She had slashed her wrists and died to death.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, April 8, (U.P.A.): Under the banner "Three hundred thousands want to emigrate" the unnamed "shipping correspondent" of the "Evening News" today wrote that "more than 300,000 men, women and children planning to leave Britian to start new lives are today creating the greatest shipping Cottleneck ever known."

COLOMBO, April 8, (A.P.I.): Mr. Hilary St. George Saunders, head librarian of the House of Commons, is now in Ceylon, after visiting India, Persia, Burma and Malaya. Mr. Saunders, who is collecting material for writing an official account of the Royal Air Force in the Second World War, will be proceeding to Karachi after a brief stay here.

NEW DELHI, April 9, (A.P.I.): In the absence of Mr. Habib Ibrahim Rahimtoola, who is in Geneva as a member of the Indian Trade Delegation, Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan, President, Muslim Chamber of Commerce, South India, will act as President of the Federation of Muslims Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

NUREMBURG, April 8, (Reuter). The judgment on ex-Field Marshal Erhard Milch, former Nazi Under-Secretary for Air, accused of war crimes responsibility, has been postponed until April 14, it was announced.

LUCKNOW, April 9, (A.P.I.): A Zamindar of Jasu village in Hardoi Dist., his nephew and two servants are reported to have been killed by a party of tenants of the neighbouring villages.

LUCKNOW, April 9, (A.P.I.): A Board of Conciliation has been constituted by the U.P Government for a settlement of a trade dispute between sugar factories in the United Province and their employees.

"MILK" REMINDER

Existing and would-be consumers under the Government Milk Distribution Scheme are reminded that the Milk Identification Cards for procuring supplies from 1st May 1947 are now available at the milk centres both morning and evening, at Re. 1/- per card. Existing April consumers will be issued cards from 7th to 13th inclusive. New consumers from 14th to 16th instant inclusive. They are requested to obtain cards in time.

nomy in the whole Defence Department being effected mainly | and patriotic earnestness the establishment of such national institutions is | discussing some of the questions which required further consideration. | was placed at the disposal of the Government of Assam, the Defence Secre- | gineers, architects, financiers, workers and employers. | of money. GOOD-BYE TO SINGLE ROOMS | tographs of this historic chapter of Indian struggle for freedom does not

International Relations Seriously Threatened

LONDON, April 8 (Reuter): The effective influence of concert of great powers in international relations is considered by a number of political observers in London to be seriously threatened by the persistence of the deadlock in Moscow over the future of Germany and Austria, cables Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

The outstanding event of the past month in foreign affairs has been, it is pointed out, not the Moscow deliberations of the Council of Foreign Ministers, but President Harry Tru-[illegible] to Greece and Turkey. The underlying principle of this proposal—that the United States ought to defend "democracy" against "aggression"—was reaffirmed in President's Jefferson Day speech on April 6.

This clarion call from Washington has been followed by two important events in Western Europe—General Francisco Franco's move himself to nominate monarchy as his successor and the entry into French politics of General Charles de Gaulle.

These events look like exercising far greater influence on the development of Europe than the Moscow talks. Greater even, unless there is a complete breakdown rather than just stagnation, than the negative fact that the talks are not being a success. For just as the United Nations is forfeiting the influence which it should exercise on international affairs through the ineffectiveness of the Security Council, so the Council of Foreign Ministers is in danger of losing its hitherto predominant influence if it proves ultimately unable to reach a decision on the main peace treaty—that with Germany.

CHALLENGE TO COMMUNISTS

The critical changes in south and west Europe which may follow President Truman's move to give aid to Greece and Turkey, General Franco's move to strengthen his regime by bidding for monarchist support and General de Gaulle's move to return to power in France can still only be guessed at. But there can be no doubts that in the long run and in either the domestic or international sense all three constitutes a challenge to Communism.

President Truman delivered this challenge plainly though implicitly by indicating that the loans to Greece and Turkey were designed primarily to hold in check the Greek left and to help the Turkish Government to keep 1,000,000 troops defensively mobilised.

General Franco, in attempting to prevent the succession after his eventual retreat from power from falling to a possibly Communist dominated Government, has plainly offended the Spanish heir apparent Don Juan by disregard of the normal principles of legitimacy. But Don Juan's firm repudiation of the Franco plan had in itself, in the opinion of some competent observers in London, improved the prospects of the ultimate restoration of monarchy which would in fact exclude Communist seizure of power when the present dictatorship comes to an end.

In France, General de Gaulle's political speech yesterday at Strasbourg instituted a clear attack on the influence of the Communist Party in French internal politics.

Provisional conclusion being drawn in London to-day from the events which may transform the western world, while the Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow is rehearsing the tedious moves of formal diplomacy, is that forces have arisen which may increase opposition to Communism in France, Greece and Turkey and that as an indirect consequence of General Franco's declaration last week the prospect of monarchist restoration on terms which would draw Spain closer to the United States has enormously increased.

It remains to be seen what effect these developments will have in the long run on the deciding factor for world peace—relationship between Moscow and Washington. For the British Labour Government and the middle-of-the-road forces in Western Europe, the particular form which this opposition to communism looks like taking, may constitute a certain problem. This could be averted if even now the Foreign Ministers in Moscow unexpectedly reach an agreement.

This Is Not A Fair Way To Treat Us, Says Bevin To Molotov

MOSCOW, April 9 (A.P.A.): A break in the stalemate, which for four weeks had tied up the Council of Foreign Ministers on discussions of the same German political and economic problems over and over, finally came to an end at last night's session when Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov proposed that today the same kind of talk continue because one co-ordinating report on the situation was still out.

British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin then asked whether all this, meaning Molotov's suggestion, was being done so that the Council would not be able to reach other points on their main agenda.

These included frontiers, the proposed Big Four disarmament treaty and the Austrian treaty.

Bevin said that if it was being done for this reason, he thought "this is not a very fair way to treat us."

Marshall then took up the argument. As far as the American delegation was concerned, he said, the conference of Foreign Ministers should go on with the main agenda and not spend time "in interminable discussions of disagreements." He added that the conference, should pass over disagreements and return to them at the end of the conference if time permits.

But, he said, if they continued to engage in interminable discussion of their disagreements he doubted very much whether anything would be accomplished.

At that point Molotov said the Soviet Union also objected to endless discussions. He then agreed with the other three that the co-ordinating committee should stand over until Friday, that a report from the German Deputies on peace treaty procedure should be taken up on Thursday, and that the frontiers would come up today.

The Council also took up the report on complaints of 18 small western nations against the slowness of German reparations deliveries.

Bidault proposed and Molotov fully supported a three point programme for the immediate resumption of the removal of German industrial plants for reparations without waiting for [illegible] cial reparations service to expedite deliveries and for the re-establishment of the allied reparations commission.

Marshall's response on this was to urge the Council to try as soon as possible to fix a level of industry so that further reparations should be determined readily. Bevin said all he could agree to was to try to cut red tape and speed up deliveries of strictly armament plants and machinery which must be taken from Germany regardless of the level of industry.

At this point Molotov asked who had liquidated the reparations commission. Bevin said it had liquidated itself. Molotov then hotly replied that it was no joking matter and that what the Soviet Union wanted was to get the Yalta and Potsdam agreements carried out.

Bevin said it certainly was no joke, and that it was the Soviet Union which had failed to carry out the Potsdam agreement by failing to make deliveries from their zone to the Western zone of food products and natural resources.

Review Of Austrian Treaty Articles

MOSCOW, April 8 (Reuter): The Big Four Foreign Ministers special deputies for Austria today completed the review of articles for the proposed Austrian treaty which they began in London on January 14.

In a 45-minute session, however, they were unable to add a single new article to the progress report which they sent to the Ministers on March 29 and which showed 24 agreed articles out of a total of 55 in the Austrian treaty.

It was decided that the remaining unagreed items should be written into the supplementary report covering the last seven articles of the treaty without further agreement.

Britain, the United States and France reached agreement on two clauses: Termination of the Allied Control agreement on the date the treaty comes into force, and termination of the zonal agreements on withdrawal of Allied troops.

The Russian delegate, who thought that troops should remain longer, said he would introduce alternative proposals.

NAZI OFFICERS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

Charged With Organising Illegal Secret Organisation

MUNICH, April 8 (Reuter): Four former high-ranking officers of the Nazi Brown Shirt organisation appeared on trial here today charged with leading the largest Nazi Underground Movement so far uncovered by the Allied occupation authorities in Germany.

The defendants, all former members of the crack S. A. "Eldherrnhalle" division, are S. A. Major-General Wilhem Dittler, S. A. Brigadier-General Albert Wiczonke, S. A. Colonel Wald Bartel and S. A. Senior Colonel Arno Schieffner.

All the four pleaded not guilty to charges of organising the illegal secret organisation which aimed at propagating the Nazi ideology and continuing German military traditions in order to threaten the security of Allied occupation forces.

Detectives said that they arrested Dittler and Schieffner in their flats, where they discovered documents which included the alleged constitution of the group which was almost a verbatim repetition of the 25-Point Programme of the Nazi Party.

The underground organisation which was said to have planned to extend its activities to all zones of Germany was called "Deutsche Reiheits and Riedensbewegung" (German Liberty and Peace Movement).

It was broken up last July with the arrest of the leaders but this was only announced last month to allow Allied Security forces to round up their followers who, it is expected, will be tried later.

The trial is expected to last four or five days.

Nawanagar Out To Put On Market 'People's Car'

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, April 9.

In order to see things for himself before parting a large capital for manufacturing cheapest motor cars, described as 'people's cars,' H. H. the Jamsaheb of Nawanagar has left for England. With him is the British industrialist, Mr. W. D. Kendall, who came to India recently to procure a large amount of finance to manufacture cheap Kendall Cars for India. In U. K. the Jamsaheb will go into the minutest detail before coming to the final decision. He proposes to return to India soon.

C. P. MINISTER TOURING MYSORE STATE

BANGALORE, April 8. (A.P.I.): Mr. D. P. Misra, Development Minister of the Central Provinces, arrived here today on a ten-day study tour of Mysore with particular reference to Hydro-Electric schemes. The Minister is accompanied by his Parliamentary Secretary, the Development Secretary and Director of Industries. The party arrived by plane.

30 Indians In U. S. Threatened With Deportation

Special Bill Legalising Status Of Aliens To Be Decided By Congress

NEW YORK, April 9 (Reuter): The fate of 30 Indians threatened with deportation, who are alleged to have entered the United States illegally, will be decided shortly when a special Aliens Bill is submitted to Congress [illegible] been living in America for over 20 years.

The 30 Indians were told they would be deported by July 1, because they had "entered the country after 1924 and were not considered legal immigrants", according to their spokesman. Some have married in the United States and have families.

A deputation of three Indians went to Washington recently to appeal to the authorities. Senators and Congressmen were approached as well as Mr. Asaf Ali, the Indian Ambassador", in an effort to stave off our deportation", the spokesman said.

It was pointed out that "severe family hardships" would be entailed if the Indians, most of whom are farmers living in California, were deported.

A special memorandum was submitted to the Washington authorities and Senator William Langer and representative Emanuel Celler were asked to help. Representations have also been made to the Philadelphia Commissioner of Immigration.

The Indians were informed after these appeals that the Immigration Commissioner had decided to postpone deportations, pending "disposal in Congress one way or another of a bill which would legalise the status of any aliens who had lived in the United States for at least seven years of good moral character." The Indian spokesman added "if the bill goes through then the Indians in question will automatically be settled in the United States permanently, though the majority of them have already lived here for more than 15 years."

HINDUS TO CONVENE TWO CONFERENCES

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, April 9: Sind Hindus are organisnig themselves and have convened two conferences this month under the auspices Mr. Sarvasindh Hindu Punchayat and Hindus and Minorities Board

Punjabi To Meet Shahriar To Speed Up Rice Export To India

BATAVIA, April 8 (Reuter): Mr. K. L. Punjabi, Indian representative to Indonesia, will return to Java on April 13 for discussions with Dr. Sutan Shariar, the Indonesian Premier on speeding up rice deliveries to India, it was reported here today.

Mr. Punjabi will accompany the Indonesian delegation to the Inter-Asian Conference when it returns to Java.

Twelve members of this delegation are now touring India to examine the food situation.

It was learned here that there is a strong possibility that the Indonesian representatives will attend a rice conference to be held in Madras next May as a preliminary to the special conference fixed for July.

SYDNEY TO REPLACE SINGAPORE?

SYDNEY, April 9. (Reuter): According to the Sydney Daily Telegraph Canberra Correspondent Britain's decision to retain conscription is a part of a new Empire Defence plan under which Australia would be a supply base for all Empire forces in the Pacific and Sydney would re-place Singapore as their naval base.

Australia would before a centre for research into modern development of warfare.

The Correspondent says that the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, has had a series of discussion with the British Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee on empire defence which dealt particularly with defence in the Pacific, but which were only in general terms pending Field Marshal Lord Montgomerys visit to Australia in July.

3 Arrested For Alleged Theft Of Cloth

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Rs. 27,000 worth of cloth is reported to have been stolen from the godown at Anantwadi of the Shivaji Clearing Agency on Sunday last.

Three persons Ramchandra Bajirao, Mahadeo Pandurang Bhonsle and Shrirang Baiji Chawan were arrested by the police yesterday in connection with the theft.

About Rs. 13,500 worth of cloth has been recovered from a shop at Ganeswadi by the police.

The accused were produced today before Mr. G. K Rege, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, when they were ordered to be released on bail.

One More Attempt Against Indians In Cape Province

CAPE TOWN, April 8 (Reuter): In the House of Assembly today, Cape Province Nationalist F. C. Erasumus introduced a motion asking government to stop Indian penetration into predominantly European areas in Cape Province through acquisition of lands.

Mr. Erasumus said that the Prime Minister, introducing the Asiatic Land Tenure and Indian Representation Bill last year, warned Indians not to cause unnecessary friction in Cape, which was excluded from the provisions of the Bill.

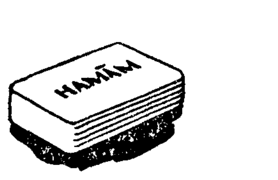
Indians had ignored Field-Marshal Smuts' warning and since the passing of the act, Indian penetration in Cape increased considerably. Land acquisitions increased from £460,000 in 1946 to £430,000 in the first month of this year. Field-Marshal Smuts indicated that he would make a statement at a later stage of the debate.



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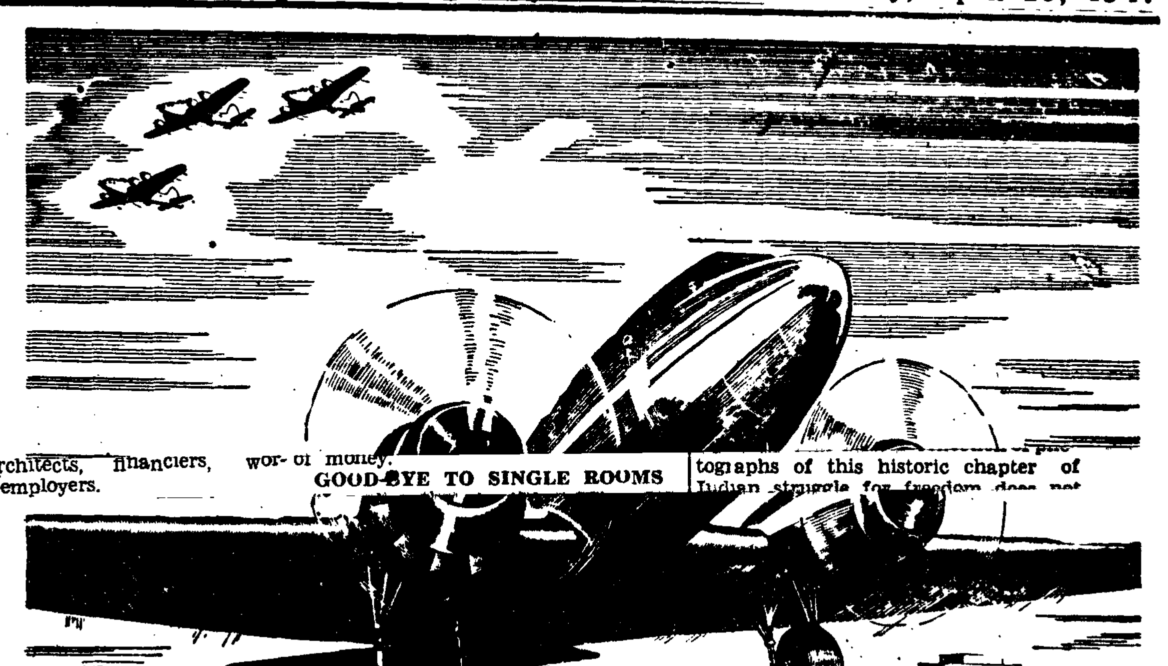
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With wisdom we can solve another of our difficult problems—the problem of high prices. There are many things which we can do without, there are others which need not be bought at to-day's high prices. By postponing purchases and saving money we can help bring prices down and thus increase the value of money. Money spent carelessly or unwisely invested helps INFLATION, which is a danger to individual and national welfare. Make of your money a friend instead of a foe.

Insurance, Co-operative Societies, Post Office Savings Bank Accounts, National Savings Certificates and Government Loans are good investments.

Do not buy land, buildings, bullion, jewellery, commodities and manufactured goods. Their prices are high and likely to fall in the future.

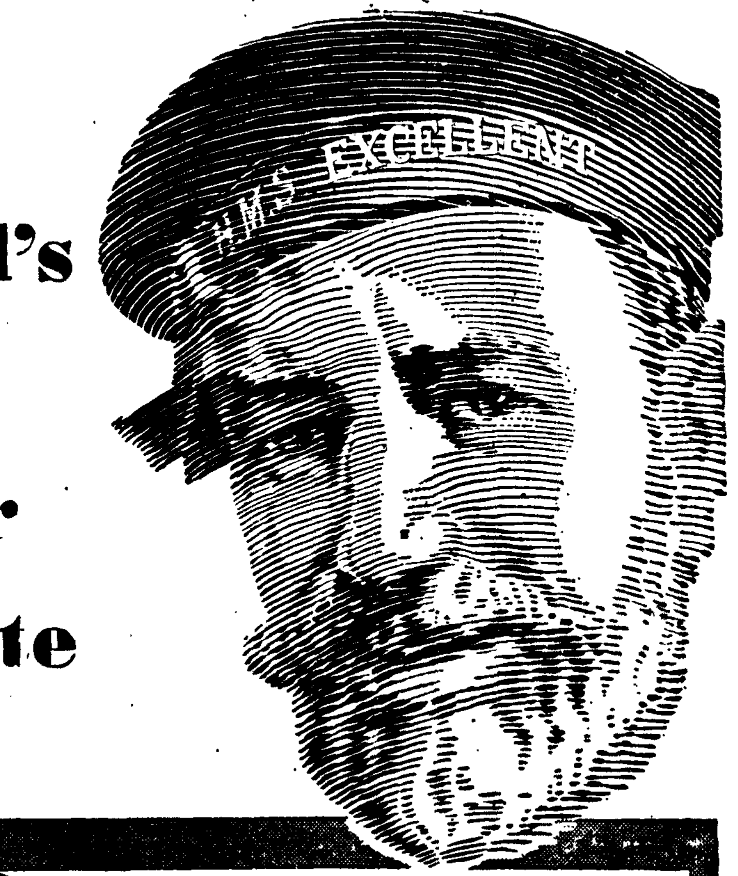


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Sharp Rise In Bullion Market On Active Buying

COTTON RECOVERS ON SHORT COVERING

Produce Market Steady On Moderate Enquiry From Export Houses

Bombay, April 9

The Bombay Stock Exchange remained closed to-day as a mark of respect to the death of a member. The Board will meet to-morrow to decide the question of forward trading. General opinion is divided on this point. Some members favour free trading while others are in favour of only cash transactions.

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, April 9

So far there is no official announcement of foreign export business, but it is understood that fairly large business is done in Groundnuts, Linseed and Castorseeds Oil. Local export houses were buyers and the market was steady.

Groundnuts Khandesh quality were done at Rs. 32/4, Coromandal at Rs. 31/8 and Bold at Rs. 30/12. Groundnut Oil Ready was quoted at Rs. 19. April delivery at Rs. 18/2 and May delivery business was reported at Rs. 18/7.

Castorseeds May delivery were placed at a premium of Rs. 3/4 while Railway Receipts were done at Rs. 30/9. Cawnpore Bold were quoted at Rs. 28. Castorseeds Oil first quality Rs. 22/8, Second Rs. 20/8 and Ordinary Rs. 18/10.

Linseed Ready was quoted Rs. 27/12 while April/May business was done at Rs. 27/6. Satna Linseed was quoted at Rs. 27/6 and Small Seed at Rs. 27/4. Linseed Oil was quoted at Rs. 19/10 and Tilseeds were placed at Rs. 205/7. Tone was steady.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, April 9

The Bullion market remains manipulated by professional operators. It is said that the settlements have passed off satisfactorily except one small defalcation of about rupees three lakhs. The Board will have to face the question of price as extensive business is done above ceiling prices. Thus the state of emergency will have to go or unauthorised business will have no recognition. The market was steady to-day. Vaishakh Silver was quoted at Rs. 159 while Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 162/8. Vaishakh Gold opened at Rs. 103 and after declining at Rs 102/14 hardened at Rs. 103/4. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 103/6 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 68

Later on there was active short covering which firmed up both Gold and Silver prices. Closing quotations were as under:—

	Rs. as. p.
Ready Silver	162 8 0
Vaishak Silver	160 5 0
Ready Gold	104 8 0
Vaishakh Gold	104 8 0

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 9

The local cotton market was quietly steady to-day after yesterday's sharp decline. May contract being now quoted at floor level. There was little business in this delivery except some evening up of open interest. July delivery opened at Rs. 441/8 and declined at Rs. 440 under scattered liquidation but thereafter steadied at Rs. 441/8 on short covering. September was quoted at Rs. 450. May delivery being now quoted at floor level, more cotton will pass into Government hands and to that extent there will be improvement in the statistical situation and Bears will not like to carry short sales at present levels as after all those who hold actual cotton have to bear carrying cost. Thus the difference of Rs. 10 between July and September option is just sufficient to meet this cost. It appears that cotton is now in a buying zone.

In the afternoon the market improved on steady short covering and July quoted at Rs. 443/4. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. May	430 12 0
I.C.C. July	442 12 0
I.C.C. Sept.	451 12 0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May Contract is 1784 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
BOMBAY, April 8.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing.
May	434-1/4	430	430
July	447-1/2	441	441
Sept.	457-1/4	450-1/2	450-1/2
Karachi 4F May	46-5-6	45-9-0	45-10-9

Heavy Selling Pressure On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

PRICES DECLINE 63 TO 74 POINTS

NEW YORK, April 8 (U.P.A.): Spasmodically active trading featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. There was increasingly heavy selling following the after-opening rally. Buyers' confidence was shaken with the weakness in securities, grains, coffee, hides and other commodities after the announcement that there will be a special Truman Cabinet meeting on April 9th for a discussion of the price situation. Dr. Edwing Nourse, Chairman of the President's Economic Advisory Council, who will submit his report on the situation said: "The price situation is serious at the present time." He said that the readjustment of prices since the new year was not up to expectations and hinted at the possibility that the meeting might discuss the reinstatement of price controls or the pending tax reduction legislation.

HEAVY SELLING

Today's session opened unchanged to 13 lower. Prices strengthened temporarily, trending up nine to 26 points. Prices however weakened before the first hour elapsed on Washington news and the shaping up of a stalemaet in business in cotton goods because of the developing manufacturer-retailer price battle. The session closed at the bottom showing net losses of 63 to 74 points. New Orleans and Western interests and spot houses were heaviest sellers. One spot firm was accredited with the disposal of 30,000 bales for July-October-December, supposedly selling for co-operative accounts against cotton previously carried unhedged. The effect of the selling was emphasized because that source was recently the leader on the bullside. The statistical picture and new crop uncertainties were completely obscured by outside developments and uncertainties as to what plan the Administration might start to downtrend price levels. The Government weekly crop summary on April 9th is expected to present an unfavourable picture but some observers are now arguing that the situation is still not serious and with only a short period of good weather, the lost time could be made up.

CROP PREPARATIONS

Messrs. McFadden and Bros., leading spot firm in the third survey of the new crop, stated that wet conditions hindered preparations east of the Mississippi river, but lower temperatures are expected to cut down the weevil infestation. The firm said that fertilizer supply was smaller than last year which may reduce yield.

Messrs. Well Brothers of Alabama in their semi-monthly report said that the acreage increase in the East would run only five to 10 per cent higher and possibly 20 per cent greater than in Texas.

EXPORT SITUATION

Traders were confused over the export situation. The dollar exchange shortage was again brought into the forefront as a possible cause of cancellation of the negotiated sales to China and Italy. It was said that Washington officials now believe that cancellations are possible of 200,000 bales, including 30,000 of the 110,000 bales earmarked for Italy and about half of the 300,000 bales destined to China under the subsidy programme, but other reports said that the Government may find it necessary to ship cotton to Japan and Germany to keep their mills going. Meanwhile, the State Department is understood to be urging that Brazil be permitted to participate in the programme of supply to Japan plus shipments from the U. S. to India and Egypt.

Traders expressed the opinion that a lower opening was possible on April 9th but better trade support is anticipated on declines below 34-1/4 cents level.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 8.

May	34.40—71
May highest	35.30+19
May lowest	34.40—71
July	32.55—74
October	29.48—64
December	28.70—66
January	28.42—64
March	28.30—63
Middling Spot	35.04 69

NERVOUS LIQUIDATION IN WALL STREET MARKET

NEW YORK April 8.

The impact of the soft-coal and telephone disputes and threats of additional labour troubles continued to have small effect on Wall Street and the market drifted inconclusively with well divided group changes either way mostly fractional. Trading was extremely slow with the additional deterrent being the traders' desire to await results of President Truman's meeting with the Cabinet on Wednesday to explore the price situation. The averages were industrial 175.17 and rails 97.93. A wave of nervous liquidation swept over the slumbering stock market early in the fifth hour bringing fairly broadfronted declines of upto two points or more and causing the ticker to fall behind by as much as four minutes at times. Stoploss orders were touched off as selling gained momentum and the hardest hit were leading steels, motors, minings, textiles, chemicals, rails and rubbers. Brokers said that increasing attention was being paid to the effects of current price situation and labour stoppages. Reports are starting to trickle in of enforced or prospective near future production curtailments because of fuel shortages. Moreover there were growing fears of the possibility of a steel strike from May 1st because of lack of progress so far in the wage negotiations. Pressure abated considerably near the close but rallying attempts were well scattered and made little headway. The market closed at or around the day's lowest levels. Prices closed easy.

American Telephone & Telegraph 164-7/8
Amerex Holding Co. 31
Anaconda Copper Mining 39-1/4
Chase National Bank 34/58
Sinclair Oil 15-5/8
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co. 15-1/4
General Electric Co. 35-1/8
General Motors 57-1/4
Ingersol Rand 117
International Nickel 31-1/4
National City Bank of New York 38-1/2
New York Central Rail Road Co. 16-1/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation ... 14-5/8
Texas Corporation 59-3/4
Union Carbon & Carbide 98-1/4
U.S. Smelting Refining Mining Co. 45
U.S. Steel Corporation Common 70-1/8
Western Union Telegraph 19-1/8

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, April 8.

May	34.41—52
July	32.60—57
October	29.52—63
December	28.64—61
March	28.15—63
Middling Spot	34 30—55

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, April 8.

May 2.49 to 2.49-1/2.
July 2.17-8/4 to 2.18.
September 2.12-1/2 to 2.12-1/2.
December 2.10-1/2 to 2.10-1/2.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON, April 8.

SILVER: Spot, 46 Forward, 45-1/4
Gold bars fine per oz. £8/12/3.

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON, April 8.

Australian wheat (bulk,) F.O.B. ..... 103/- apl/May

CALCUTTA SHARE BAZAR
CALCUTTA, April 9 (API)

STOCK EXCHANGE: The markets continued quiet and only a limited business was reported. Following are to-day's final transactions upto 2 p.m.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Government Paper 101/9; three per cent Defence 1949/52 101/11; three per cent Victory 1957 102/4 small odd lot; three per cent 1963/65 102/4 small lot; four per cent 1960/70 113/11 small lot.

BANKS: Calcutta National Bank 16/14; United Commercial Bank 81.

COTTON: Cawnpore Textile 11.

COALS: Baraboni 3; Jogta 9/3 ex div.,

JUTE: Megna 180.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn 4/8; Indian Copper 3/10; Tavoy Tin 2/13; Sone Valley Cement 12; C. T. B.I.C. ord 9/10 ex div; Indian Cable 40; Ivan Jones 6; Jardine Henderson 194; Martin Burn 23/10 ex div; Assam Saws 8/12; India Steamship 14.

Sharp Decline In Chicago Grains

Chigaco Grains: After early strength, reflectinn the additional emergency export allocations for April and May shipment prices broke sharply on the announcement that president Truman is holding a special cabinet meeting on wednesday to explore the price situation. Great Britain overnight purchased 360,000 Bushels of corn with unconfirmed reports that Britain has also bought an additional 360,000 Bushels today for May shipment. Winnipeg May and July rye broke by the 10 cent daily permissible limit with the decline attributed to recent weakness of cash rye in Canada.

NEW YORK SILVER UNCHANGED.

NEW YORK, April 8, (U. P. A.): The price of silver remained unchanged at 76 cents today. The supply and demand remained balanced with the demand slightly off. The volume of business transacted was slightly over 200,000 ounces.

CALICUT MARKET

CALICUT, April 8.

Coiryarn Beypore 190/200, Quilandy 200/210, Fibre Garbled 165, Ungarbled 160, Cocoanuts raw 130, Dry 135, Cocoanutoil 450, Copra Office 280, Dilpasand 285, Madrasnottam 315, Pepper Mynaad 570, Country 565, Dryginger Chernad 290, Ernad 275, Coffe Robusta 88, Timber Pail 52/8, Junglewood 30, Vellapine 55, Benteak 55, Teak 90, Mangoplanks 3/8, Teak 15/16/8, Rosewood 18/8.

Our European Letter

PROGRESS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE IN EUROPE

(From Our Correspondent).

Several countries of Europe are standing in a 'queue' for a loan from the International Bank. So far loan applications have been filed by Czechoslovakia, France, Denmark, Poland and Luxembourg. The application of Greece is on the way. The total amount available for loans is £140,660,125. But the application already received amount to £562,500,999. All the loan applications are in terms of U.S.A. dollars.

LONDON

Britishers are speculating what Chancellor Dalton has in store for them when he presents his budget. It is believed the starting level for P.A.Y.E. income tax will be raised and the rate of taxation reduced. But tax on profits (tobacco and death duties) will be increased, in the case of the last almost drastically.

The proposed World Fair for 1951-52 has been finally dropped. The task of reconstruction is considered too great to permit the staging of such a show. The proposal will be reconsidered after a few years "when the competing claims of our national resources can be more clearly seen."

During August and September Scotland will stage an exhibition of its irrepressible "aliveness" under the resounding title of "Enterprise, Scotland, 1947." It is being organised and run by Scots. "Enterprise, Scotland, 1947" will present Scotland and Scottish goods in a manner never before attempted in Scotland. The exhibition will occupy approximately 30,000 square feet in the Royal Scottish Museum and exhibits in addition will be displayed in shop windows spread along Princes Street. It will be a selective exhibition in which everything will be chosen for its design and quality from goods submitted for selection. In short it will be Scotland's best and only the best.

PARIS

French exports have reached new heights both in weight and value. Figures for February, now available, show that exports during the month exceeded those of January by 18 per cent in value and 11 per cent in weight. This is a rise of 360 per cent in value and 84 per cent in weight on the figures of the corresponding period of 1946. Coal output is up by 110 per cent on pre-war level, with the result that electricity cuts, decreed at the end of 1946 were lifted last Monday. Despite difficulties France appears to be maintaining the "rhythm" of her key activities.

VIENNA

Austria is planning to set up jewellery industry. Jewellery will be produced by machinery and exported. Machinery will be produced locally and technical skill will have to be imported. Holland, Belgium and Palestine will supply "raw materials." Switzerland, Hungary and Yugoslavia and Rumania are regarded as potential markets for Austrian jewellery.

BERLIN

The famous German chemical and dye trust in Wherttenburg-Baden, known all over the world as I.G. Farber, is being liquidated by the occupation authorities. Farber name will never be heard again.

Small radio sets are being produced in the Soviet zone of Germany. A central bank is to be established in the French zone where the Reichs bank is being dissolved. At the present moment Germany is producing luxury shoes from Argentine hide supplied by Switzerland. Italian and Swedish firm have placed large order for German goods, especially chemical and pharmaceutical products and electro-technical products. The joint British American Export-Import agency, it is reported, are arranging for overseas textile orders for German firm to assist Germany recovery and enable Lancashire to retain its interest in markets which it cannot directly satisfy at present.

SOFIA

Bulgaria and Yugoslavia have entered an arrangement under which Yugoslavia will supply chemical products, caustic soda, cigarette paper, agricultural machinery and hemp, and Bulgaria will send in exchange vegetable seeds, red pepper, tomatoes, tobacco, china and hide. The transaction involved a trade of more than 7,000,000.

ROME

Italian cabinet has decided to introduce a capital levy. The levy will apply to individual fortunes of £3,300 upwards. The rate will vary from 6 per cent to 41 per cent.

OSLO

Norway is thinking of nationalising the Bank of Norway. The state will take over life insurance companies and the sale of medical goods. Norway in the not far distant future supply electric power to Britain by means of a submarine cable across the North Sea. The laying out of the cable will not take more than week and will cost £6,000,000. The likely route for the cable would be from Gersund to Berwick, a distance of 356 miles.

BUDAPEST

Hungary has applied to Britain for a loan. America has already granted Hungary a credit of £3,750,000. Hungary has banned all exports of textiles for the country temporarily. The Economic Council is arranging to import 120,000 spindles for textile industry so that production may be increased. Arrangements are in full swing for the International Fair which will be held in Budapest in August.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 9.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.
B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15-16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Months.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Months.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Months
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Months
London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th Months.
London Banks Buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Months.
London Banks Buying 90 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Months.

NEW YORK & MONTREAL RATES
B. C. Rate T.T. Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling I. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T. T. Rs 330.
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs 329
Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C
Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs. 328 1/2 not under L/C.
Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 3550
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs 3650
Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fl. 79
Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. —.
Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 57 1/4
Burma Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 100 1/2.
New York/London Cross Rate $4.02 11/16 to 4.02 13/16
London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16-1/3 3/32
London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/3 15/16-2/4 5/32.
London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 479.70-480.30
London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4
London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.
London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50
London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36
London/New York Cross Rate $4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4.
London/Montreal Cross Rate $4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4.
London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.
London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70.
London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tol. 40.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.
Gold London £8-12-3.
Gold New York $35
Silver London 46.
Silver New York 76
London Discts 3 Months. 17/32 p.c.
London Discts 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.
Money:—Call 1/4 p.c, 3 Months 1/2 p.c, 6 Months 3/4 p.c. 12 Months 1 1/4 p.c.
Tone:—Easier.

U.N.R.R.A. Chief On Repatriation Of Displaced Persons

LONDON, April 8 (Reuter): Official quarters here expressed surprise tonight at the statement by Major-General Lowell Rooks, U.N.R.R.A. Director General, that all displaced persons under U.N.R.R.A. care would be repatriated regardless of the Government in power unless the International Refugee Organisation was functioning by the end of June.

It was pointed out that the British Government has always been opposed to forcible repatriation of refugees with the exception of collaborationists and war criminals against whom there was prima facie evidence. It is assumed that since U.N.R.R.A. is responsible to member nations, Britain would be consulted before U.N.R.R.A. took the final decision on lines suggested by Major General Rooks.

PRECIOUS CARGO FOR BOMBAY

LISBON, April 9 (A.P.A.): One of the most precious cargoes that ever crossed Portugal by plane arrived yesterday 'en route' for Bombay from Venezuela.

The plane is carrying 80,000 gold coins, 38 3/4 kilogrammes of pearls, 450 grams of sapphires, three kilogrammes 600 grams of precious stones, 95 3/4 kilogrames of culture pearls, and 1? kilogrammes 350 grams of other precious stones for the Bank of China in Bombay.

(A kilogram is 2.204 pounds avoirdupois).

GUJARAT PRODUCE MARKETS
AHMEDABAD, April 9.

Patan Aranda 11-15-0 Mansa 12-97, Bijapur 130, Dokda Harij Aranda Closed 11-15-6, Late at night 12-2-3 Kalol 11-14-9, Wadhwan Barden 84-2-0, Jamnagar Singdana 7-9-0, Dhangdhra Cotton 21-11-6, ASO 22-1-6, Kapas 8-14, Jamnagar Silver 153-10, Rajkot Jeth Silver 147-2-0.

LABOUR PARTY EXPECTED TO ENDORSE BEVIN'S POLICY

Prediction Based Upon Number Of Concrete Factors

LONDON, April 8, (Reuter): Authoritative London quarters expect that the national conference of the British Labour Party at Whitsuntide will overwhelmingly endorse the foreign policy of the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin, despite the recent parliamentary Labour revolt on foreign policy and Easter Conference criticism of co-operative and other labour dominated organisations.

This prediction is based upon a number of concrete factors. One is a series of over 20 regional foreign policy conferences of the Labour Party which have been addressed during the past few months by Mr. Bevin himself, the Minister of State Mr. Hector Mcneil, the Air Minister and former Minister of State Mr. P. J. Noel Baker, who is the Chairman of the Labour Party, and the Foreign Under-Secretary M. Christopher Mayhew. Under the constitution of the Labour Party these regional conferences are not policy forming and there is therefore no voting, but their atmosphere has evidently given considerable satisfaction to the Government spokesmen who addressed them.

The experience at these conferences is, it is suggested, that critics, when confronted with informed opinion, quickly subsided.

The second factor is that despite the "revolts" 300 out of the 400 Labour members of Parliament are solidly behind Mr. Bevin and the Cabinet.

Factor three is that the Easter Trade Union Conferences, while displaying wide anxiety on foreign policy, rejected any resolution containing a straight attack upon the Government.

Champions of the Government Foreign policy do not find it easy, however, to explain away the 2,000,000 anti-Government votes cast at the co-operative societies conference though the co-operative movement is generally recognised as being in a very different category to the trade unions, with its solid backing of housewives most of whom are not markedly political. The Government, however, do not appear perturbed, and influential Labour quarters explain of the proportion of the total members, a vast number of whom do not attend meetings from which the conference delegations are nominated.

A handful of critics may thus represent the votes of a branch with 100,000 members.

Informed quarters think that the two burning foreign problems for the Whitsun Conference will be an Anglo-American-Soviet alignment and manpower in relation to Britain's services obligations abroad and for defence. Government's recent concession to the conscription and service rebels, by reducing the proposed period of peacetime military service from 18 months to one year, has altered the whole complexion of the second problem.

This conference by no means satisfies the whole of the rebels. It goes some way towards meeting those who opposed the Conscription Bill on the score of Britain's manpower needs for economic recovery, but it leaves unsatisfied those who opposed the Bill either for conscientious reasons or because they held that to support it would give a mandate to a political alignment favourable to America at the expense of Russia.

Government's departure from its own proposals has angered Conservative opposition which provided a large part on the Government majority in the recent critical debate on the second reading of the Conscription Bill.

In a future debate the Conservatives may consider themselves free to vote against the amended proposals. This last factor is the strongest pointwards closing the ranks in the Labour Party both on Foreign policy and conscription.

It is being driven home to the Party both in Parliament and the country, that the Government cannot perpetuate the position in which it has to depend upon the supporting vote of the Opposition to provide a substantial majority over its own rebels.

FRANCE LEADS IN IMMIGRATION PLANS

OTTAWA, April 8. (U.P.A.): The International Labour Office announced today that France leads in her immigration plans with a target of taking in 430,000 foreign workers by the end of this year and a total of 1,500,000 by 1950.

Argentina and Australia were second and third with 50,000 and 35,000 respectively.

The report said the trend throughout the world "is toward encouraging immigrants, provided they are qualified to contribute to the economy of the admitting country" but pointed out that as far as the United States was concerned, nearly 300 Bills have been introduced in Congress to change the existing immigration laws, although no definite action has been taken.

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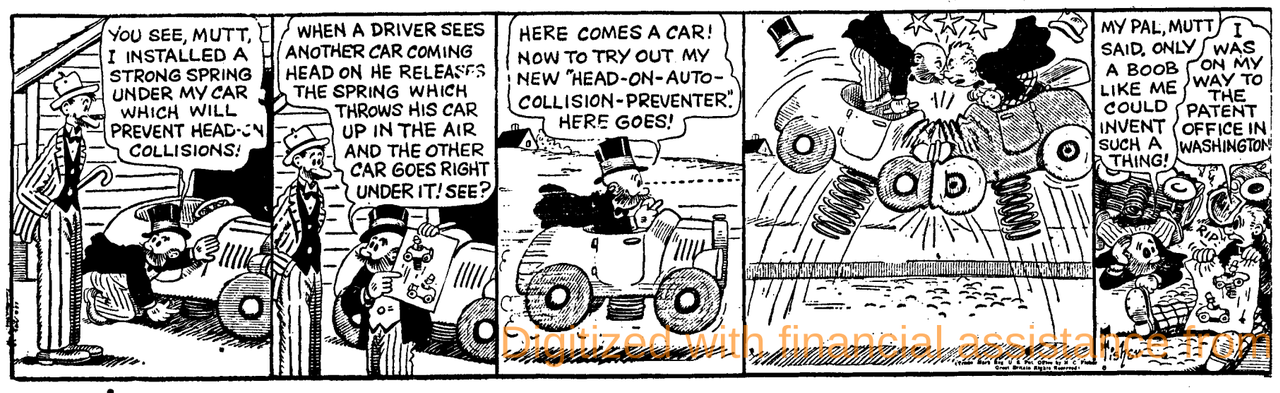


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Wanted Veterinary Assistant Surgeons for Alwar State on permanent pensionable posts Grade Rs. 80-5-80/2-120, dearness allowance Rs. 12/- P.M., Higher starting pay can be given according to qualifications. Applications stating experience, qualifications, age, should reach to the Chief Veterinary Officer, Alwar State, by 20th April, 1947.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

TENDERS will be received by the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, up to 1 P.M. (S.T.) on Thursday, the 17th April, 1947, at his Office at Clarke Bunder, Mazagaon, Bombay No. 10 for the supply of 9,000 Nos. OLD SERVICEABLE CORRUGATED GALVANIZED IRON OR BLACK SHEETS 7'-0" to 8'-0" LONG.

Tender forms giving full particulars and conditions, can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned on payment of Re. 1/- per copy, which will not be sent per V.P.P.

R. C. MASTER.
Controller of Stores
2843

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

ALL EMPLOYEES of CROMPTON PARKINSON (WORKS) LTD. are invited to attend a MASS MEETING to be held in the Works Compound on FRIDAY MORNING, the 11th instant, at 10 o'clock. A full attendance is desirable and all employees are urged to be present. —

W. I. GEORGE.
5501

BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in Controller of Stores Office, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpore, Calcutta before 12 Noon on 1st May, 1947.

Tender No. CS/O/265NT for Soap Bar Yellow.

Tender forms with full particulars can be had from the Office of the Controller of Stores, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpore, Calcutta on payment of Rs. 3/- per copy to the Cashier, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpore, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

Firm outside Calcutta, may, however, remit the amount to the Controller of Stores direct by money order. No refund is permisible after payment.

CONTROLLER OF STORES.
2899

THE VISHNU COTTON MILL LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Wallace Street, Fort, on THURSDAY, 8th May, at 4-00 p.m. (Standard Time) for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946.
(2) To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
(3) To elect Directors in place of Mr. Vithaldas Kanji and the Hon'ble Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons, who retire by rotation but offer themselves for re-election.
(4) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st April to 9th May 1947 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
For the Bombay Company Limited
A. L. HUTSON,
Managing Director.
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Bombay, 9th April, 1947.
2912

G.I.P. RLY.—AUCTION NOTICE

USED GUNNY BAGS, Tea and Soap Wooden cases, etc., will be auctioned at 2-00 P.M. on the 12th April, 1947, at Kalyan Railway Grainshop (near the Loco Shed) and on the 17th April, 1947, at Wadi Bunder Godown Shed No. 3 at 2-00 P.M. Stocks may be inspected at site. Conditions governing auction will be available at the office of the DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, GRAINSHOPS, V.T. Bombay. (2882)

THE LAKSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Wallace Street, Fort, on THURSDAY, 8th May, at 3-30 p.m. (Standard Time) for the purpose of transacting the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1946.
(2) To sanction the declaration of a dividend and Bonus.
(3) To elect Directors in place of Mr. Vithaldas Kanji & the Hon'ble Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons, who retire by rotation but offer themselves for re-election.
(4) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st April to 9th May 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors
For The Bombay Company Limited
A. L. HUTSON,
Managing Director.
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Bombay, 9th April, 1947.
2912

GRAINSHOP DEPARTMENT
B. B. & C. I. RLY.

QUOTATIONS returnable by 16 hrs. on 16-4-47, are invited on Railway's form for the supply of the following commodities from the merchants possessing the necessary trade licences.

For terms and deliveries and other conditions, please apply to the Asstt. Controller of Grainshops, Church Gate, Bombay, at any time during working hours.

Earnest Money amounting to 5% of the total value tendered for should be deposited with the Treasurer Broad Guage, Bombay and the receipt thereof attached to the tender form.

Commodities.	B. Mds.
1. Tur dall oiled.	2500
2. Tur dall plain	1000
3. Mung whole	500
4. Mung dall	1250

(2904)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE NEW KAISER-I-HIND SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 47TH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the NEW KAISER-I-HIND SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD. will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of May, 1947, at 2-30 P. M. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company, J. K. Building, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

(1) To consider and adopt the Directors' Report and the audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account of the Company for the year ended 31st March, 1946.
(2) To approve the transfers of Rs. 3,25,000/- from the Dividend Equalisation Fund and Rs. 16,00,000/- from the Reserve Fund to the Profit and Loss Account mentioned in the Directors' Report,
(3) To declare a dividend.
(4) To sanction donations mentioned in the Directors' Report,
(5) To elect Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation,
(6) To appoint auditors for auditing the accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st March, 1947 and to fix their remuneration, and
(7) To transact any other business which the Chairman may bring before the meeting.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 25th April, 1947 to 10th May, 1947 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
H. O. GANDHI,
Secretary.

Bombay, 5th April, 1947.

Notice in particular to:—
Akberali Tayabali Lakdawala, Palanpur. Bansilal Khusaldas Vani, Taloda. Chhaganlal Lalchand Shah, Bajipura. Chhaganlal Purshottam, Vadoli. Dhunjishaw M. Dhunbhura, Bulsar. Doongersey Tricumdas Khambhalia. Manghubhai Hargovan, Vishnagar. Rao Saheb Manilal Shamalbhai Dwivedi, Vadia. Madhavdas Karsandas Mangrol. Nandalaxmi Pushkarrai Mehta, Miraj. Prabhulal Jethalal, Upleta. Raichand Virchand Solanki, Kathor. Ratilal Jivandas Parekh, Bhavnagar. Sundarji Khimji, Porbunder. Salebhai Mulla Akberali Lakdawalla, Palanpur. The Straw Products Ltd., Bhopal. Varjivandas Chhotalal, Baroda. Premchand Saigal, Simla Hills.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.
TENDER NOTICE.

Special items costing over Rs. 10,000/- Class I Contract.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105 Clive Street, Calcutta on 12th May 1947 at 12 O'Clock noon.

Tender No. SP|F|EB2|XL-19 for the supply of 110 Nos. Basin Wash Hand to Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, Lillooah's Sketch No. LLH-PE|151.

Tender forms and drawing can be obtained from the under-noted officials on payment of the following charges to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, 105 Clive Street, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same.

(a) Tender Form at Rs. 5/- per copy from the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105 Clive Street, Calcutta.
(b) Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, Lillooah's Drawing No. XL-19 at Re. -/8/- per copy from the Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah.

Firm outside Calcutta may however remit the cost of the tender form to the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105 Clive Street, Calcutta and that of the drawings to Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, East Indian Railway, Lillooah direct by money order. No refund is permissible after payment.

Sealed tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105, Clive Street, Calcutta and then put into the Tender Box outside the Deputy General Manager's (Works) room by Tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER.
(2900)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

TENDERS will be received by the Controller of Stores, Bombay Port Trust, up to 1 p.m. (S.T.) on MONDAY, the 5th May, 1947, at his Office at Clarke Bunder, Mazagaon, Bombay No. 10, for the supply of the following:—

1. **Oil Linseed Double Boiled and Raw.**
2. **Oars Ashwood of Sizes.**
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R. C. MASTER,
Controller of Stores.
2902

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy No. 171661 on the life of Pandit Dhananjaya Kalchandra Vaidya it is hereby declared that duplicate thereof will be issued if no objection is lodged with us within one month from this date.

JAI CHAND JAIN, M.A.,
General Manager,
The Bharat Insurance Co. Ltd.
Dated 10th April, 1947.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following posts in the Malaria Organisation so as to reach the undersigned before 1-5-1947.

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(2) LABORATORY ASSISTANTS: Pay scale of Rs. 50-5/2-90-5-140 PLUS special pay Rs. 20 PLUS Permanent Travelling Allowance Rs 27/8 per month. Minimum qualification—Graduate in Science preferably Biology.

(3) INSECT COLLECTORS: Pay scale Rs. 20-1-40 PLUS Permanent Travelling allowance Rs. 10 per month. Qualification Pass in Vernacular Final and a working knowledge of English. Matriculates preferred.

All the above appointments are temporary in the first instance but are likely to be made permanent.

Particulars regarding date of birth, domicile, qualifications and previous experience if any should be furnished.

D. K. VISHVANATHAN,
Asstt. Director,
Public Health (Malaria),
12, Queen's Gardens, Poona-1.
Poona, 8th April, 1947.
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NOTICE

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BANK OF KOLHAPUR LTD., have passed the following Resolutions:—

(1) RESOLVED that the Board shall consist of 12 instead of 13 Members.
(2) In view of the fact that Sir Raghunathrao V. Sabnis does not offer himself for re-election, RESOLVED that only two Directors be elected instead of three at the annual General Meeting of the Shareholders to be held on the 20th April, 1947.

G. R. IDNANI,
General Manager.
Kolhapur, 7th April, 1947.
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JACKSON CO-OPERATIVE BANK

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Secretary in the grade of Rs. 350-30-800 with compensatory and house allowances as admissible under the rules and dearness allowance at 17½% and Provident Fund benefits, the starting salary being dependent on qualifications and experience. Knowledge of regional languages viz. Hindi and Gujerati is essential. The appointment will be on probation for 6 months.

Age limit 35 years on 1-5-1947. The age limit will be relaxed in case of Railway employees and candidates who possess suitable qualifications and experience.

A Commerce graduate with Banking and legal knowledge and practical experience in Banking on co-operative lines will be given preference. The selected candidate will have to furnish security of Rs. 5,000/- in cash or Government paper.

Canvassing in any form by or on behalf of a candidate will disqualify him. The Railway employees may apply through the heads of their departments.

Applications giving full particulars regarding qualifications, practical experience, age, present employment and pay and details of posts held in the past and stating minimum salary required and accompanied by copies of testimonials should reach the Chairman, Jackson Co-operative Bank of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Ltd., Churchgate, Bombay, before 21-4-1947.

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EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.
TENDER NOTICE

Special Item costing over Rs. 10,000 Class I Contract.

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the following and will be received in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105, Clive Street, Calcutta on 12th May, 1947, at 12 o'clock noon.

Tender No. SP/F/EVB/VB-55 for the supply of 2100 Nos. Guide Bush to IRS drawing No. VB-55. The Tender form with full particulars may be purchased from the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105, Clive Street, Calcutta at Rs. 5 per copy on payment to the Treasurer, East Indian Railway, Calcutta and on production of his receipt when applying for the same. This sum is not refundable.

Firm outside Calcutta may however remit the cost of the tender form to the Controller of Stores, East Indian Railway, 105 Clive Street, Calcutta direct by money order.

Sealed Tenders delivered by hand should be presented for registration in the General Manager's Office, East Indian Railway, 105, Clive Street, Calcutta and then put into the Tender Box outside the Dy. General Manager's (Works) room by the tenderer or his representative.

GENERAL MANAGER.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

INDIAN BANKS ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY.

PURSUANT to the resolution of the Indian Banks Association, public notice is hereby given to constituents of Banks that recently numerous forgeries in cheques have come to light by unscrupulous persons who erase or rub out figures and names of payees except signatures of the drawers in the body of the cheques and which forgeries have been in numerous cases due to the use of bad ink. The constituents of Banks are accordingly requested to write cheques with good quality ink and wherever possible to make the same payable to order and to cross them prominently across the middle with parallel lines and if possible to use Protectograph and to refrain from using ball point pen or similar pens or faint ink. Though the Banks are protected by the provisions of the Negotiable Instruments Act they are put to unnecessary trouble by reason of such forgeries and therefore this warning is given to the public in their own interests.

By order of the Committee,
N. C. KHORANA,
Honorary Secretary.
Dated, 31st March, 1947.
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INDIAN RESEARCH FUND ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATIONS INVITED for the post of RESEARCH ASSISTANT on Rs. 270 p.m. in scale Rs. 270-15-360-20-400 plus war allowance on the enquiry on anaemias of pregnancy under Dr. R. G. Dhayagude at the Seth G. S. Medical College, Bombay.

Minimum qualifications:—M.B. B.S. with experience of Haematological and Pathological work.

Post temporary renewable yearly subject sanction of the Governing Body of Association. Probation 6 months. Service terminable one month's notice either side. No pension or gratuity allowed but benefits of Provident Fund permissible subject to rules. Private practice or free quarters or compensation in lieu thereof not allowed. Leave as for temporary Government servants under Revised Leave Rules, 1933. Travelling allowance under Supplementary Rules, as amended from time to time. Selected candidates may be required for interview at Bombay. Travelling allowance will not be allowed for journey for interview or joining first appointment.

All applications should be made on the prescribed forms which can be obtained from the Dean, Seth G. S. Medical College, Parel, Bombay.

Completed application forms should be submitted so as to reach the Dean, Seth G. S. Medical College, Bombay, not later than the 15th April, 1947.

R. G. DHAYAGUDE,
Dean,
Seth G. S. M. College.
3rd April, 1947. 2898

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HAJI SIDIK KALOO, of Bombay Santa Cruz Musalman inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, easement, etc. or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at 41, Hamam Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the building and structures standing thereon situate at Danda (Khar Scheme) 19th Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, admeasuring 618 Sq. Yds. bearing Plot No. 639 of Suburban Scheme No 7 Khar and bounded as follows that is to say, on the East by 19th Road, on the West by Plot No. 655, on the North by Plot No 640 and on the South by Plot No. 638 of the said scheme.

Dated this 8th day of April, 1947.

R. E. PAPA & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys.
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AUCTION SALES

GRAND AUCTION SALE FOR 4 DAYS

UNIQUUE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY AMERICAN SURPLUS STORES.

Under instructions from The Officer-in-charge, Tata Aircraft Ltd., Karachi, the undersigned will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at Messrs. Tata Aircraft Depot, Drigh Road, the undermentioned surplus stores on the following days at 10 A.M. (S.T.):—

ON 14TH APRIL 1947

Power Plants, Jacks, Trestles Petrol, driven Pumps, Steel Scrap, etc; Ferrous Scrap; Aircraft Hardware such as nuts, bolts, clevis pins etc.

ON 15TH APRIL, 1947

Hand Transfer pump, large diameter Rubber hoses, Funnels, cans and other fuel and lubricating equipment; aircraft and ferrous scrap.

ON 16TH APRIL, 1947

Stationery, Paper, Draughtsmen equipment, Brief Cases, office equipment, etc.; Tarpaulin, Engine Covers, containers etc; Sundry equipments such as cushions, pecks, knives, containers, fishing kits, and other emergency kits.

ON 17TH APRIL, 1947

Thread, Tapes, Ropes Twine etc.: Chemicals Photographic fluxes for welding and soldering etc: Aircraft Tyres and Tubes; Aircraft Instruments such as Sextant astro-compass-Voltmeter, Ammeter-Pressure Gauges, Thermometers etc.

NOTE:—For full details, please apply to Messrs. Tata Aircraft Ltd. Drigh Road, during the office hours, or phone 9282 Ext: 224.

For Conditions of Sale, please see handbill.

R. P. KHARAS & CO.,
Proprietor P. R. Kharas,
Government Auctioneers & Estate Brokers,
Sangster Road, Sadar, Karachi-3
(Telephone No. 7097)
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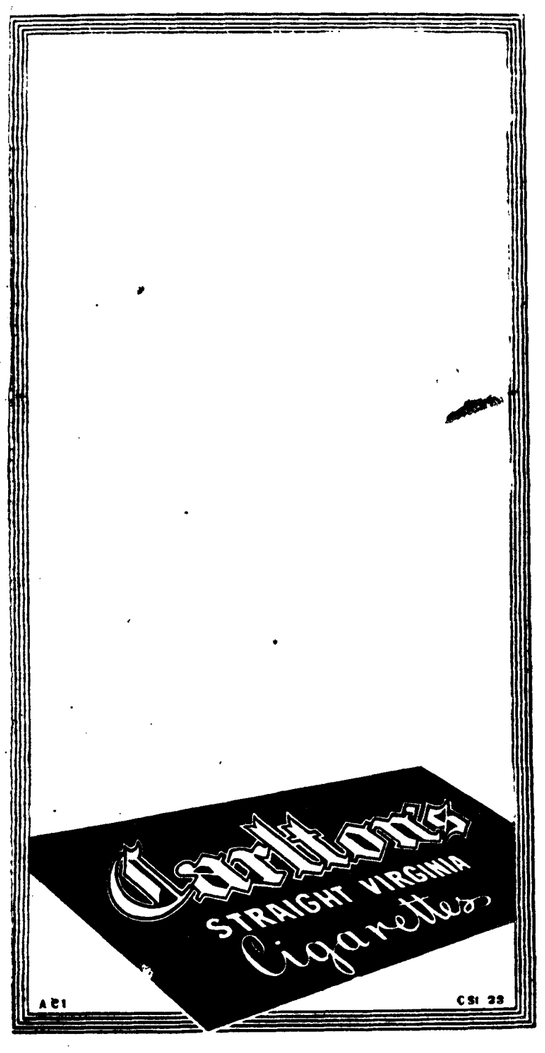
AUCTION SALE OF ONE LOT Rold Gold and Nickel plated wrist watch straps, one case dressing combs, four cases Cardigans, Bresseries, Barometers, etc., on Saturday, the 12th instant at 12 noon (S.T.) at their rooms, No. 73, Medows Street, under instructions from the Court Receiver, High Court, Bombay, as the Receiver appointed in Bombay High Court, Suit No 220 of 1946 (Assudamal v/s Pritodas).

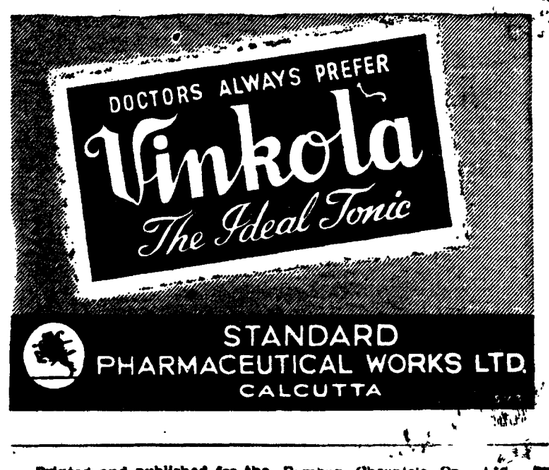
Terms: 25 per cent deposit.

AUCTION SALE of M. T. Spreaders, single and double chains, Shackles, Ammunition Trays, rope slings, Adaptors, terminals, steel wire rope, nets, Cargo Manila, Cargo Trays, M. T. Nets, M. T. Legs, stools, stands, rings, Ice boxes, light houses, Urinals, plywood, Dry battery cells, Canvass Cots, Elec. ventilating Fans, Packing containing X Ray equipment, Motor Fans Alarm Bells, spanners, sodawater machines, wind sails, Lubricating oil pump, Gas Cylinders, Coaming Back, Coaming Front, Forks Dung, Lantern, Lime Slaked, candles wire, Nippers wire, Iron screw, Ropes head, Nets Hay, Mops Head, Stall Head, Galvanised Buckets, Rackers, etc., on FRIDAY, 11th instant at 10 a.m. (S.T.) at Bombay Port Trust Plot No 3 West Half, opposite Shepherd's Gate, behind I.G.S.R.'s Godown, Princes Docks, Wadi Bunder, on MONDAY, 14th instant at 10 a.m. (S.T.) at 'H' Warehouse, Victoria Docks, outside Green Gate Khajur Bunder, just near Carnac Bunder and on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 21st and 22nd instant at 10 a.m. (S.T.) each day, at Sea Transport Stores, Wadala, near R I. N. Hospital and North Exit of Sewri Cemetery, Wadala, Bombay, under instructions from the Regional Disposals Commissioner, Bombay.

Terms: 25 per cent cash deposit, balance in 7 days, delivery in 21 days, otherwise money and goods will be forfeited.

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